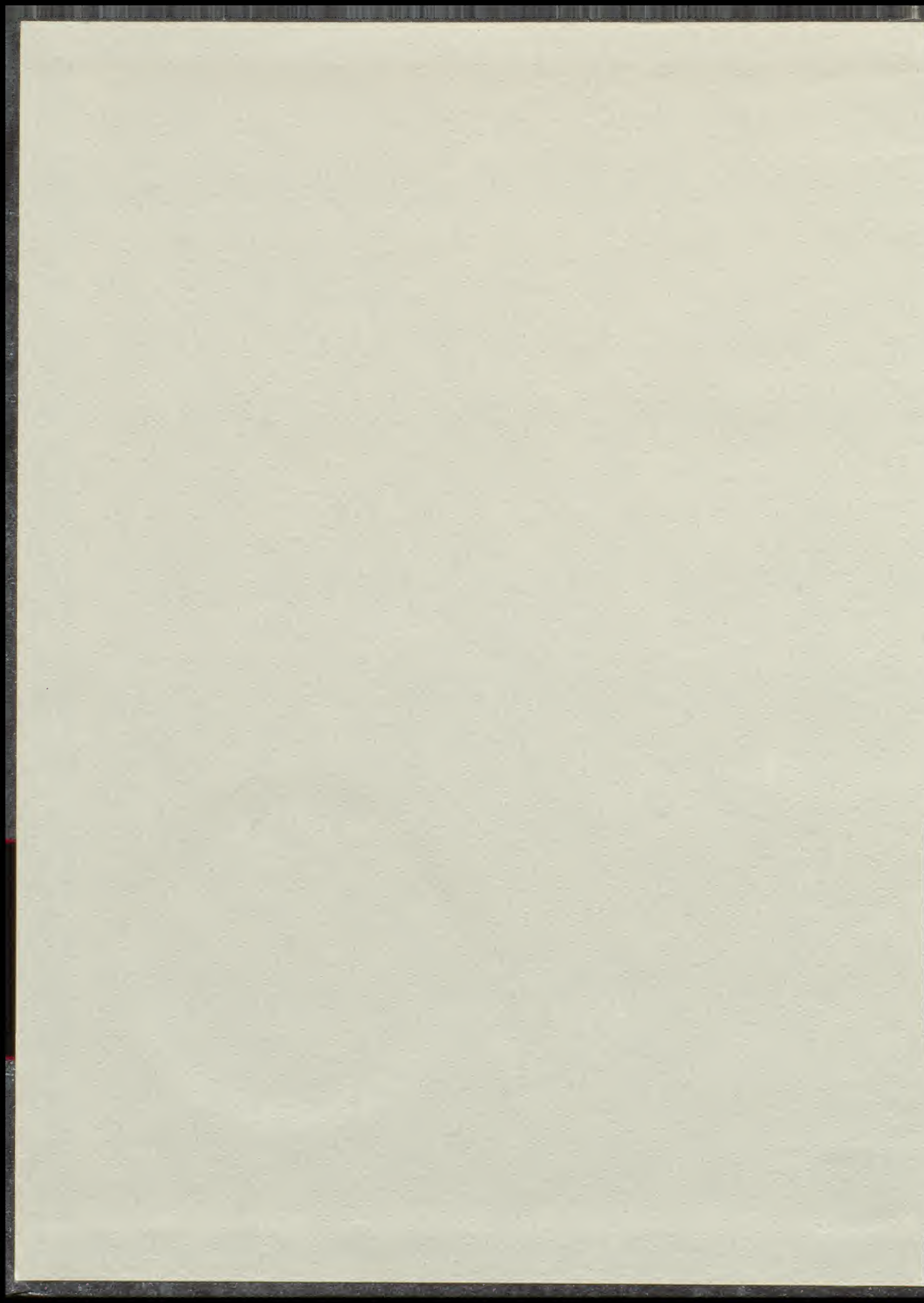
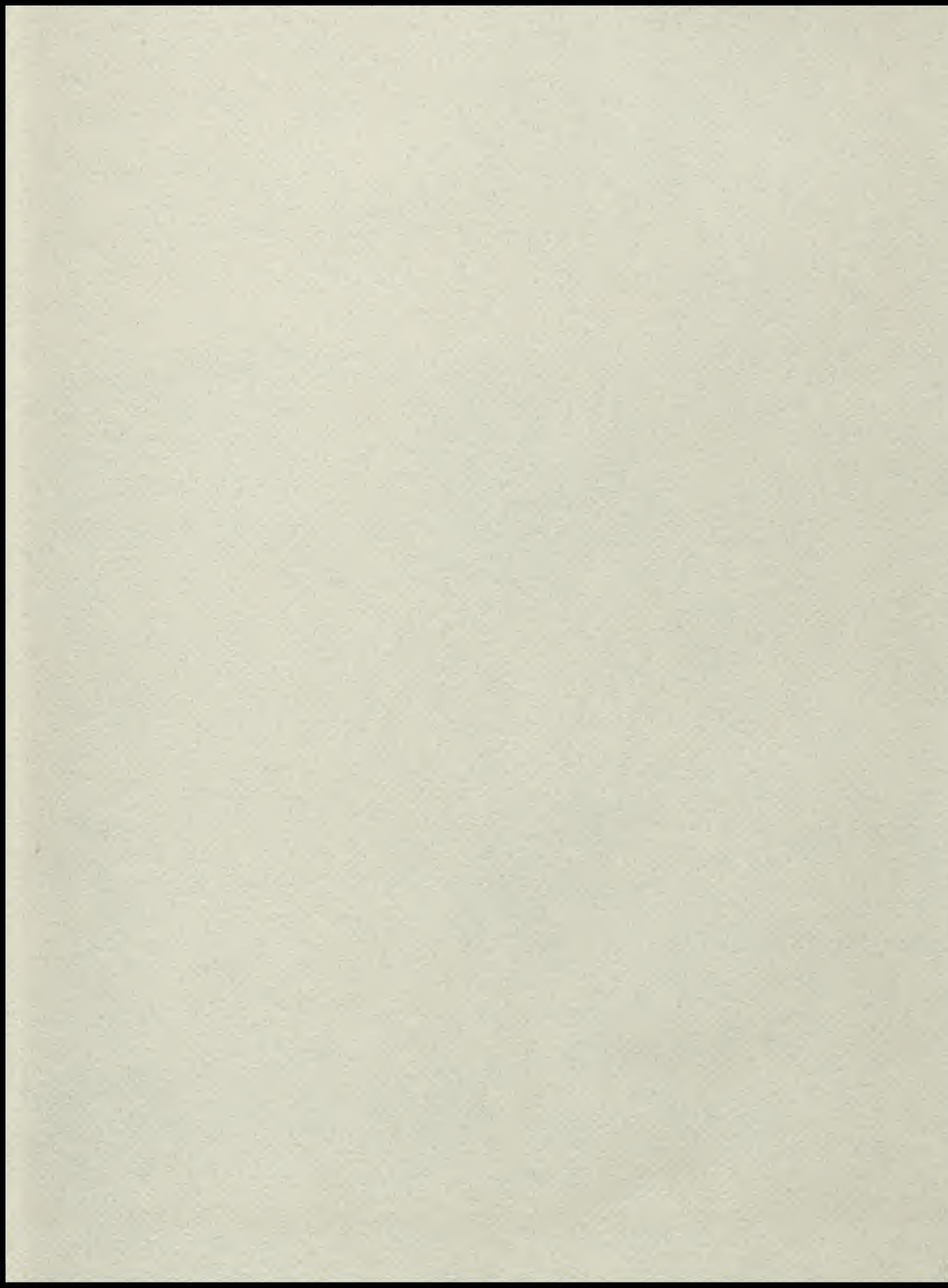


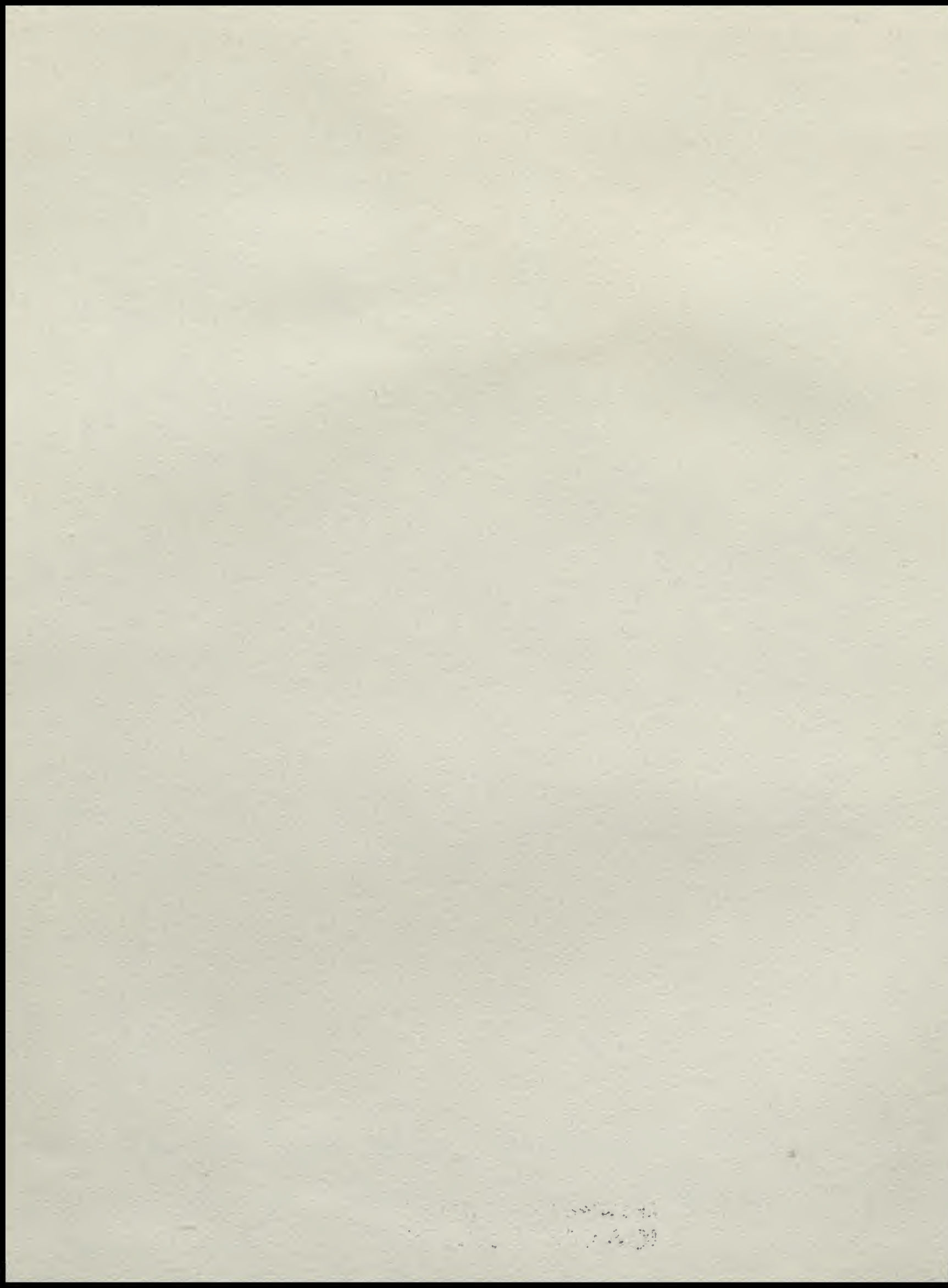
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Over the net – Freshman Megan Strum returns a serve in a J.V. volleyball game.

Full of Spirit– Juniors Brenda Bass, Kelly Nelson, and Laura Brecher show their school spirit on '70s Wear Day.



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Singin' right along– Students use their vocal skills to sing Shubert's Mass 24 in Concert Choir class.



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HERBERT HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL

PACKIN' IT IN

As the yearbook staff debated over themes for the '96-'97 yearbook, the class slowly began to realize that one clearly fit the year better than any other: "Packin' it in".

First, Hoover High School was "packed" full of students this year. The student population soared to 1,100 students, which, according to Vice-Principal Dennis Ramsey, is the highest that it had been in eight years. This factor was something that made this year especially unique to all the students who were part of the year's activities.

Second, every year the students try to "pack" as many things into the year as possible. Whether it be with new classes, a new sport, or a new hobby, the amount of different activities are designed to make high school a fun-filled, exciting experience.

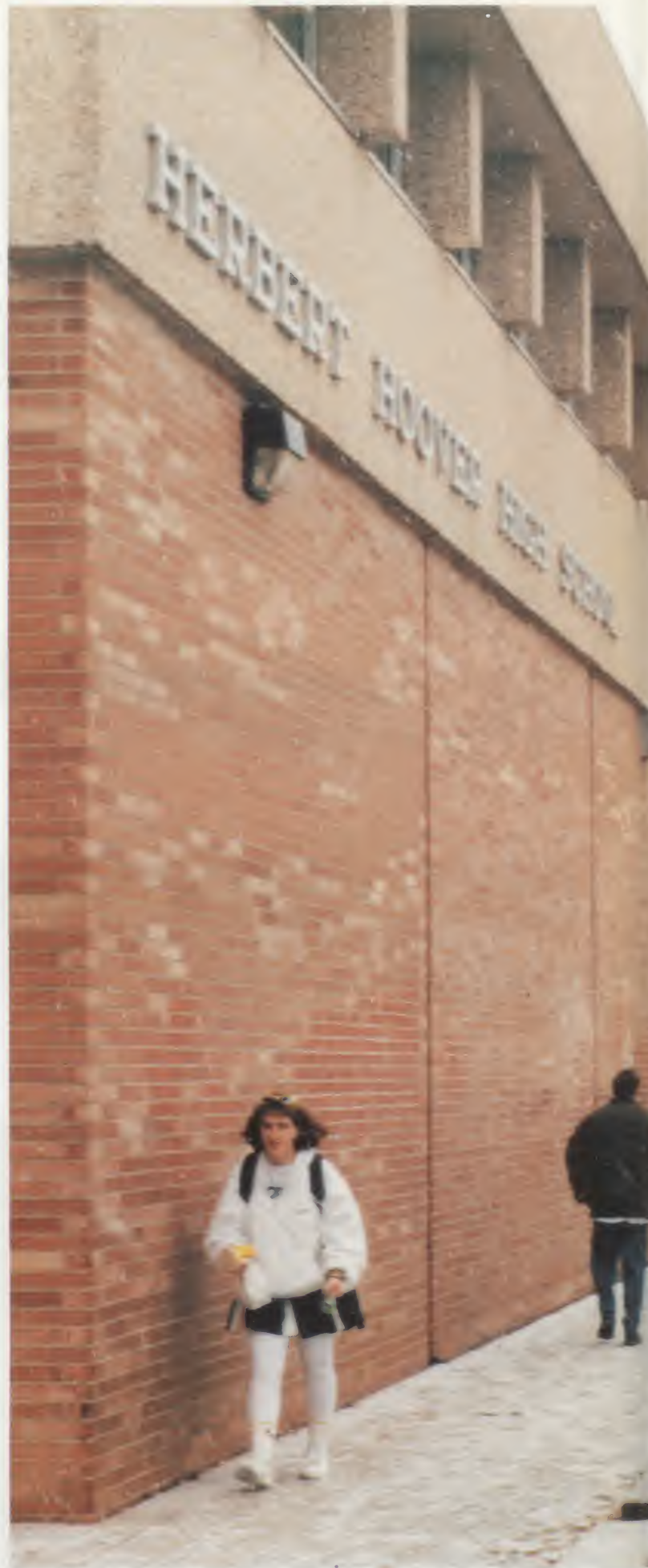
Finally, who could forget the Husky Pack? Every student at Hoover is part of the pack of Huskies that makes up the atmosphere of the school and represents the closeness the students display with their school spirit.

Through the school-year many different activities take place that serve as some of the most memorable experiences of high school. Those experiences are what high school is all about. High school is "packed" full of memorable experiences.

The following book represents all of the previously stated factors and images to profile the increased amount of students, by showing all the activities that help make the school year more enjoyable.

Leavin' for lunch—

Students trudge out of the school into the snow for lunch. Hoover's surplus student population soared to 1,100 students for the '96-'97 school year.



Student Life Divider 14



photo by Steve Whitney

Standin' around—Hoover students congregate in the student center during first semester finals.

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photo by Steve Whitney

Takin' a bite—Freshman Amanda Kreyling and Tracy Cochran discuss the value of healthy eating.

Academics Divider 30



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Workin' hard—Senior Peter Bognanni works on his Spanish homework while nearby friends chat.

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Actin' it out—Sophomore Eric Sharp and Freshman Eric Selander practice lines for Drama State Contest.

Sports Divider 84



photo by Steve Whitney

Time out—The junior varsity girls' basketball team call a time-out to discuss game strategy at a game against East.

THEME

BY STEVE WHITNEY

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GETTIN' IT DONE

The school day begins at 7:50 a.m., 7 a.m. for some, but the days that last a mere six or seven hours seem to keep spilling out the activities.

The dances, the assemblies, class activities, and sports all help to make the picture clear of what student life is like for those long nine months.

It's all about change. The students change every year. From the new freshmen to the new seniors, the changes that students make are what develops the core of the school. The students and their lives keep Hoover functioning as a school.

Whether it be the hottest gossip, or the latest teacher flub, the students are the heart of the school, and the school is what helps to develop the students' lives.

The changes that students go through mark their first steps toward life on their own... life without teachers, and to some degree, parents.

That's the deciding factor of life in the real world. Student Life shows how much the students do change and how much the students get involved in those changes.

The lessons students are taught keep them on the path toward their destined futures; that is the key to an education.

Cheerin' em on—
Several Hoover students pack in the stands at East during a basketball game between Hoover and East.





photo by Steve Whitney

Fall spirit

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photo by Steve Whitney

Stormin' in—Hoover students enter the school during one of the winter storms of the fall semester.

Homecoming dance

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photo by Steve Whitney

Cheesing it up—Juniors Jennifer Crandell and her date dance in good humor.

All Season students

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photo by Steve Whitney

Quiet please—Members of the winter dance committee discuss the process of electing All-Season students.

School spirit

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photo by Steve Whitney

Makin' a profit—Juniors Ben Minnis and David Buckley make change as they sell food during first semester finals.

Spring break

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photo by Steve Whitney

Gettin' in tune—Junior Andrew Feters tunes his guitar while practicing his musical techniques during spring break.

STUDENT LIFE

BY STEVE WHITNEY

LEARNIN' IT ALL

English essays, math tests, and science labs. These are just a few things encountered by students every day. Academics has come a long way since the "three R" curriculum. Yes, reading, writing, and arithmetic usually makes up the core of a basic academic education, but today there are many more classes to choose from.

From Spanish V to photography, students have a variety of classes to take. Some students take college prep courses, others just take enough classes to graduate.

Academics are still the main reason that students come to school. Yes, there are sports and other extra-curricular activities, but having an education is important. Students at Hoover have had an opportunity to use the skills that they have learned in class through academic clubs such as Academic Decathlon.

Some students will remember the late night papers, cramming before a chemistry test, and the math quiz that they forgot to study for the previous night. Some students may not have worked as hard but they still got an education. Either way these experiences will be with students forever.

Spreadsheets and databases—Junior

Chone Phiathep and
freshman Erica Owen
type away during third
period computer appli-
cation class taught by
Judy Renoux.



Academic Feature 32



photo by Carol Kneek

Twirl that flag—Senior Erica Hanlon twirls her flag at Valleyfest Marching competition. Hanlon was one of 21 Hoover students who participated in the National Council on Youth Leadership.

Academic Clubs 34



photo by Andrea Kneek

The book says—Seniors Thai Do and Terri Bradley debate the answer to a problem while freshman Jessica Neff tries to figure out the problem herself. Do was co-captain of Academic Decathlon this year.

Central Campus 37



photo by Loan Pham

Where's my book?—Senior Nga Lam gets ready for class while Van Meter student Jeremiah Dalton looks at the board for today's assignment in AP Probability and Statistics at Central Academy.

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. 38



photo by Cindy Grandquist

Block that ball!—P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. helper junior Tuffy Jackson gets ready to block a ball that freshman Mistafa Ikelljic kicked during a soccer game for P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. at the indoor soccer club in Johnston.

Top 3 Percent 40



photo by Andrea Kneek

Makin' the grade—Senior Kristen Langstraat concentrates on her studies for AP Computer Science. Langstraat was in the top three percent this year. She also took three other AP classes at Central Academy.

ACADEMICS INTRODUCTION
BY ANDREA KUECK

DOIN' IT ALL

As students rush from class to class, mentally figuring out how to fit in time to do homework, they also think about how to make time to get to their next practice, game or meeting. Being in several activities requires organization and time management. The activities that students choose to get involved in reflect their interests.

Countless hours of dedication, enthusiasm, and a strong interest are what keeps students involved in the wide range of activities that mirror their wide range of interests. Students must find and make time to devote themselves to the meetings, rehearsals, events, and games while simultaneously juggling their schoolwork. This is a task within itself. It is not easy to pack everything into one's daily schedule, but those who commit themselves manage to do so. Sometimes it goes beyond these qualities. There is also the determination to learn new things and explore different areas of the school and community. Meeting new people also contributes to the experience. Most people benefit from these experiences and this encourages them to continue to put forth their efforts.

Delivering the lines—

Senior Peter Bognanni shows the audience the baby he just helped deliver as junior Ann Marie Hansen and senior Alex Albright sigh in relief at the Commedia performance on Oct. 5.



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photo by Nga Lam

Press time—Senior Steve Whitney reads through an article of the *Challenger* for mistakes.

Orchestra

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photo by Brad Steffen

Pulling the right strings—Members of orchestra concentrate on learning a new piece under the direction of conductor Derek Claussen.

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photo by Nga Lam

Beltin' it out—Members of concert choir put their vocals to the test during concert choir class as vocal music director Chad Younklin accompanies on piano.

Peer Helpers

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photo by Nga Lam

Helping the needy—Senior Kirsten Knox places an article of clothing into the box for a clothes drive sponsored by Hoover Peer Helpers. All of the clothes collected went to the Nazareth House of Mercy.

Conflict Managers

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photo by Nga Lam

Talking things out—Junior Conflict Managers Eric Kintner, Justin Griffis, Tiffany Oakley, Maggie Beavers, Katie Gross, and Rex Tredway converse about matters in homeroom.

ACTIVITIES INTRODUCTION

BY NGA LAM

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SWEATIN' IT OUT

Sports offer more than physical fitness and entertainment. They provide some people with a chance to escape their everyday routines, to a place where they can pursue a dream. With hard work and determination, sports allow athletes to see that if they put forth the dedication, it will pay off. The competition, the thrill of victory, and the success of set goals motivate athletes to always try their best.

Athletes thrive on competition, striving to be the better sportsmen. After giving every effort, competition pushes participants on. A natural tendency to want the win encourages athletes to always try the best they can. The thrill of victory presents itself with pride; not only individually, but also in the school. These victories, no matter how great or small, keep the athletes coming back for more. When all of their hard work has paid off and goals have been accomplished, valuable lessons have been learned for life, that won't soon be forgotten.

Whether playing to vent out frustrations, or for the pure fun of it, sports offer the chance to be part of a group with the same intentions, to win, and have fun while doing it.

Shootin' to win— Junior Amy Petersen shoots a free throw against East on Jan. 7.



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Steppin' it up—The Hoover defense steps up to the line.

Volleyball

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Gettin' it over—Junior Melissa Mallette hits the ball over the net at South East Polk.

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Lookin' ahead—Senior Tom Stehl tries to catch up with his East opponent at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 10.

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Hoopin' it up—Sophomore Anita Halfwassen shoots the ball to the hoop in Ames on Dec. 3.

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Linin' it up—Senior Jon Talcott lines up his ball with the hole at Waveland Golf Course.

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BY AMANDA CAMP

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WORKIN' IT OUT

As a freshman, you stick with your middle school buddies as you try to get used to the whole high school concept.

As a sophomore, you are still taking classes with your best friend, but you are beginning to expand your circle of friends by meeting new people and trying new things.

As a junior, you are considered an upperclassman and know your way around. Juniors have the hardest classes and loads of homework so this is the year when they look to their friends for fun and support the most. You begin to get serious about school and realize that searching for colleges and jobs is in your near future, if you haven't already begun.

As a senior, you walk through the halls with your head held high; you have worked for four tough years to be where you are today. You are no stranger to the hallways of Hoover. Your attention is more focused on college searching and making the most of your last year of high school. You can now reflect back upon your years at Hoover and remember all the great times you had, the diverse population, and most importantly, the friends you have made over the years.

Checkin' it out—Junior Nick Miller, freshman Ah'Sha Hall, and juniors T.J. Welton and Dave Newman go through the line and check out the lunch selections for the day.





photo by Steve Whitney

Faculty

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Workin' hard—Emily Sawyer, counseling clerk, concentrates on sorting and straightening papers in the counseling center.

Freshmen

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photo by Carrie Witte

Takin' a sip — Freshman Beth Weiberg quenches her thirst while talking with friends in the cafeteria during second lunch on Nov. 25.

Sophomores

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Walkin' around—Sophomores Edina Kalabic, Branka Bajic, Edina Hodzic, and Fedha Dedie hang out in the student center after lunch.

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Studyin' hard—Juniors Talia Burnett, Ann Marie Hansen, Tricia Van Zee and Jenny Fath take a break from lunch to catch up on their studies.

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photo by Steve Whitney

Sittin' around— Seniors Ryan Dow, Kristina Selander, and Cindy Gronert chit-chat in the student center at lunch.

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BY KAREN LUEDER

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LIFESTYLES OF HOOVER

Hoover High School is a very diverse school; the different cultures that make up the student body are what you are about to embark on when you flip through the pages of student life.

This section hits on the main social events that took place at Hoover in the 1996-97 school year. This year began quickly with the Homecoming Assembly and Homecoming Dance starting on Sept. 20 and the 21. The Homecoming theme this year was "Purple Haze".

As most know, last year the spring dance was changed to the winter formal and this year was no exception. On Feb. 21 the hour-long Student of All Seasons assembly took place, followed the next day by the winter formal. In an attempt to get students into the spring mode, the theme was appropriately named, "Hawaiian Luau".

With the winter formal behind them, the students could look forward to Spring Break from the 21- 30 of March.

Each year goes by a little faster and each life leads in a different direction, so when you look through the pages of this section, recognize the diversity displayed through Hoover High School.

The students at Hoover are here for an education but in the mean time they have a desire to be socially active. So, as you walk down the halls and see the other students walking by, talking to their friends, consider that everyone at Hoover has a mind, and a voice.

So, take notice of the people you walk next to in the halls and who they are with because everybody can be a part of someone else's life.

Even if you're a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, you are a part of the core that makes up Hoover High School.

As you spend your four years at Hoover, take the time to look at your classmates and their friends. Pay attention to those who you might not pay attention to otherwise.

You are a piece of the puzzle that makes Hoover cultured, so as you look through your book remember that everyone is apart of the Hoover character.

Give me some

skin—Junior Matt

Woods wants some

skin after a varsity bas-

ketball game at

Johnston, while juniors

Nick Miller and Justin

Griffis converse in the

background.





photo by Anne Lawrie



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Go Hoover!—Juniors Brenda Bass, Karen Lueder, Matt Woods, sophomore J.D. Sharp, and junior Maggie Beavers cheer for the Hoover boys' basketball team at Johnston on Jan. 11.

STUDENT LIFE

BY ANNE LAWRIE

PACKIN' IN SPIRIT

Homecoming week this year deviated from previous year's activities.

Instead of having the traditional powder puff football games, there was a cake decorating contest and the "Hour o' Fun", which included a pie-eating contest, a sack race, tug-o-war, and spin and run. Many students enjoyed the new twist brought to fall spirit week.

Students had different reactions to this year's Spirit Week.

Sophomore Rhesa Wickersham said, "It was okay. More people could have been involved. There should have been something other than pajama day."

Freshman Steve Rude, who was experiencing Spirit Week for the first time at Hoover, said, "I think it went pretty good. I enjoyed it."

This year Spirit Week started on Wednesday with Purple Haze day where students had the choice to dress up in '70s apparel.

Thursday was pajama day for the underclassmen and toga day for the seniors.

Friday was the traditional green and gold day.

Junior Katie Gross said, "I

think we needed more days and different activities. But other than that it was all right."

As for the winners during the Hour o' Fun, Julian Guthrie led the senior class in the pie-eating contest; the freshman class powered over the sophomores to win the tug-o-war, while the seniors pulled away for a victory against the juniors.

In the cake decorating contest, senior Nicole Brown and sophomore Michalle Hirsch got first place. The seniors had another win in the spin and run race while the juniors finished in second.

Senior Kris Sheaffer said, "I think the students did a really good job getting involved during the week."

The car rally was after school on Friday. The people who were involved met in the student parking lot to decorate their cars. Escorted by police cars, the rally drove around the Hoover district to show their spirit.

There was a lot of cooperation from the staff and students to make this year's spirit week special.

To sum it all up, sophomore Steve Schnoor said, "It was neat and very spirited."



photo by Amanda Camp

Rallying Spirit—Junior Kelly Nelson and senior Geneva Moore take a break from decorating cars on Friday for the car rally.

Taking a Fall—Sophomore Mike Fong takes a dip in the swimming pool during the tug-o-war against the freshmen.



Chowing Down—Junior Jennifer Howe watches as senior Julian Guthrie gets a mouthful in the pie-eating contest during the Hour o' Fun.



photo by Maggie Beavers

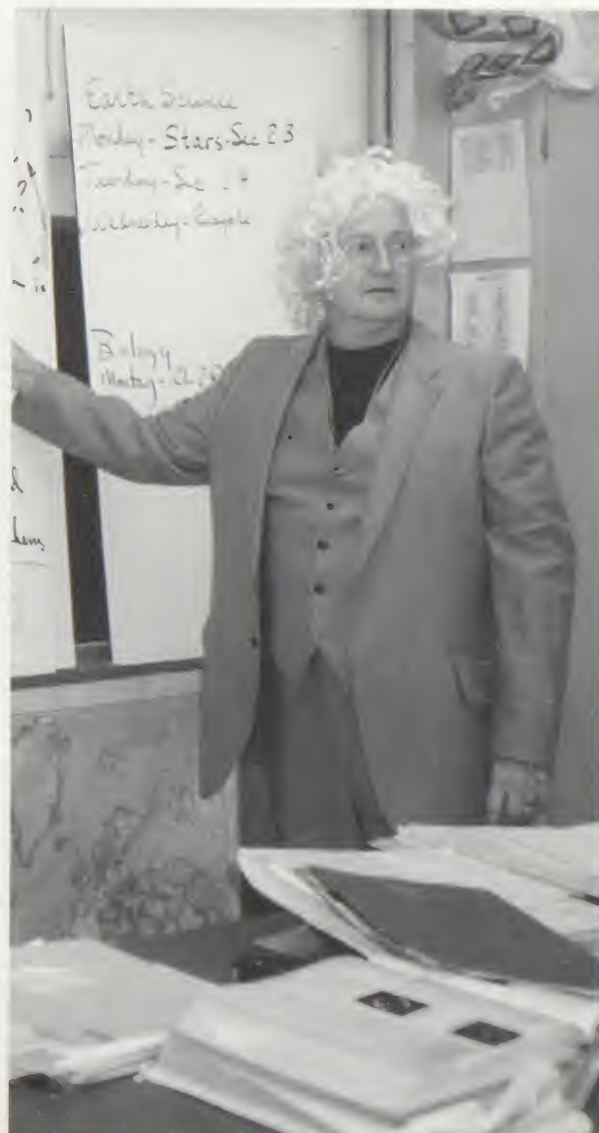


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photo by Brenda Bass



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Disco Dancing—Science teacher Tom Ludwig gets all decked-out in his '70s apparel for Purple Haze day during Spirit Week.

Pigging Out—Sophomore Kevin Kozitza and junior Rex Tredway dig into their pies as senior Nga Lam helps judge the contest.

HOMEcoming SPIRIT WEEK

BY MAGGIE BEAVERS

PEPPY PERSONALITY

On Friday, Sept. 20, Hoover students were anxiously awaiting the weekend. While the students patiently awaited the final bell of the day the Hoover Peppers (Spirit Committee) frantically got the gym ready for the hour-long pep assembly to greet the new and welcome back the old. As 1:30 p.m. drew closer, the gym started to look more and more spirited with the balloons soaring high and the streamers draped throughout the gym. The time had arrived for the athletes and members of the fall activities to gather with their groups in the wrestling room.

The assembly kicked off with members of summer sports, fall sports and school activities walking through the infamous arch.

The drill team strutted their stuff to a song played by the Hoover band, while the cheerleaders performed a fast tempo dance routine to "Everybody Dance."

The Hoover Harmony gave a breathtaking rendition of "Bridge Over Troubled Water," with Hoover alumni Aaron Carter

and Stephanie Allen singing a duet.

The band performed during the middle of the pep assembly with the featured saxophone soloist, Jamie Beard, and junior pianist Jason Danielson.

It was now the moment the ten students sitting before the student body had been waiting—for the crowning of the king and queen. As the suspense mounted, MC Kirk Johnson announced the 1996-97 Homecoming King and Queen Scott Johnson and Nikki Johnson. They were selected by their peers as Homecoming King and Queen.

The pep assembly drew to a close with the spirit stick contest, which was barely won by the seniors.

The day was drawn to a close with the school song.

The seniors could now close the chapter of their homecoming experiences and could look forward to their last homecoming weekend. The freshmen could leave the gym with their first taste of what school spirit is all about.

The weekend awaited them.



Speakers of the House—Seniors Candy Mason and Nga Lam looked pleased with the response they're getting from the students during the pep assembly.

Sophomore Spirit—Junior Tamika Rhodeman, Sophomores Tierra Kaiser, Leah Marcel, and Renesha Taylor patiently wait for the assembly to start.



On Key—Senior Tim Rech, sophomores Ben Talcott, Brent Thornburg, junior Jenny Throckmorton, senior Tiffany Camus, and junior LaKeshea Whiteside sing during the assembly.



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The King—Senior Scott Johnson and teacher Bette Prey concentrate on putting the sash on Hoover's new Homecoming King.

The Queen—Senior Nikki Johnson looks to be choked up as teacher Bette Prey crowns her Homecoming Queen.



photo by Anne Lawrie



photo by Mullica

HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY

BY ANNE LAWRIE

HOMECOMING HAZE

Through the fog filled gymnasium the Homecoming spirit was soaring. The majority of the students dressed in vintage 1970s clothes; the little yellow happy face decorations and different shades of purple textures made this year's dance much like a "purple haze."

Senior and Homecoming co-chair Nga Lam said that the aim for the dance was "laid back 70s."

The 1996 Homecoming Dance was held at a much earlier date than the previous years, breaking the charts at an early Sept. 21 date. The turnout was also a record breaking 770 students.

The dance, which started at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium, had many benefits for the students this year. First, for the dance's ticket price of \$8, there was a fortune teller, who read palms for the beginning of the dance at no additional charge. Then, as usual, there was karaoke in the student center along with an array of snacks that ranged from Laffy Taffy to dream pops, Skittles and Charm pops.

"The fortune teller was a good idea... If we keep doing stuff like that, we'll find better ways to do the dances," senior, Bridgett Evans,

Homecoming Queen candidate, said.

Some of the songs that students chose to get more active in dancing to this year were the "Macerana," "C'mon ride it (the train song)," and of course "YMCA".

The friendly atmosphere worked well with the attitude that was present all evening. The students in their floral, bell bottom clothes and the fog-filled dance floor somehow made way for the final song of the evening, "Purple Haze," which led the students into the beginning of the preceeding school year.

Sayin' it all...

"The decorations were extravagant, the dance was well... the best ever,"

-- Senior Nikki Johnson

"I think it (the dance) was a really good success... I wish they would have played more 70s disco music,"

--Senior Lee Ann Hofferber

"They need to work on the whole music thing,"

--Senior Mike Amos



Slow Dancing—Junior Jason Tidwell and his date, senior Meg Whelan, dance to one of the evening's slower dance tunes.



Group Grooving—Sophomores Geni Stanley and Cortney Thompson lead a fast paced seventies dance track as peers join in on the action.

Slowing Down—Juniors Holly Canine and Jenny Bennett rest their heads on their dates' shoulders as one of the evenings romantic songs play.



Let's Boogy—Hoover Alumnus Jake Smith and his date, senior Theresa Hedrick, prepare to join in a circle dance.

Shakin' things up—Senior Peter Bognanni and junior Kristen Sokugawa twist while maintaining good company at the Purple Haze dance.



HOMECOMING DANCE

BY STEVE WHITNEY

SPRING SPIRIT

Every year there is one week designated for Spring Spirit Week. In addition to activities and contests there are also dress-up days. The idea behind this is to give students an opportunity to wear clothing that is centered around a certain theme and to just have a little bit of fun.

Spring Spirit Week consisted of three days, each day having a theme. The themes were as follows: Wednesday- Hawaiian day, Thursday- career day for seniors, crazy hair day for juniors, twin day for sophomores, and Friday- green and gold/hat day.

Each of these days gave students a chance to express their creative sides and their school spirit. At the same time, numerous contests were held in the Student Center and the prizes for the winners were presented at the Student of All Seasons assembly at the end of the week.

Prizes for the best costume for the Spirit Week days were also announced at the assembly.

On Wednesday of the Spring Spirit Week the annual faculty/senior basketball and volleyball games were held in the big gym. Students had the chance to buy a ticket to the event held during seventh hour.

Senior girls played against the female faculty members in a volleyball game. The faculty won the game by a large margin.

The senior boys were pitted against the male faculty members in a grueling basketball game that ended up with the faculty winning in the last few seconds.

At the end of the week the Student of All Seasons assembly was held. The assembly gave the students an opportunity to release the enormous amounts of energy and school spirit that the students had been saving up all week.

From the cheerleaders' performance, to the drill team's dance, to Harmony's singing, students were able to witness all of the hard work that went into the week.



photo by Kelly Christopher

Mechanic minds- Seniors Mike Amos and Mark Stanger work with complex machinery.

Professional dress- Junior Beth Soike wears a suit for career day.



Spirit Cleaning— Students join together to pick up the streams of toilet paper that were a part of the annual Spirit Week festivities.



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photo by Maggie Beavers



photo by Kris Sheaffer

Rolling out of bed— Junior Amber Wessing shows her school spirit by wearing her pajamas to school.

Helping hand— Students help plant a tree on the Hoover campus.

HHEAD OF THE PACK

Out of a total of 1,147 students who walked the halls of Hoover during the 1996-97 school year, all classes were to choose which of these students they wanted to represent their class for Student of All Seasons.

When choosing the candidates, students had to keep in mind the requirements the students must meet. They must hold a 3.0 GPA, be in at least three extra-curricular activities and show a positive attitude toward their community and their peers.

The Teacher of All Seasons candidates were judged on their ability to motivate students inside as well as outside the classroom.

Friday, Feb. 21, 1997, was the date of the second annual Student and Teacher of All Seasons assembly.

Throughout the assembly there were special performances from cheerleaders, drill team, Harmony, jazz band, and concert choir, in honor of February, black history month.

The candidates for the senior class were Nga Lam, Kathi Buckley, Alex Albright, April Taylor, Missy Priest, and Theresa Hedrick.

Underclassmen attendants were junior, David

Rude; sophomore, Michalle Hirsch; and freshman, Ericka Blake.

Sophomore attendant Michalle Hirsch said, "Being an attendant was something I'll never forget. All of the hard work I put into schoolwork and activities rewarded me with a day full of wonderful memories."

The Teacher of All Seasons candidates were John Eller, Mary Ann Spicer and Janice Ochoa.

As the school day and the assembly came to an end, the time for announcements arrived. Receiving the honor of Student of All Seasons was Alex Albright. The Teacher of All Seasons award was given to a two-time nominee John Eller.

Student candidate and winner Alex Albright was asked if he felt as though he was in competition. He said, "No, so it sounded kinda' funny when people said 'congratulations', but it's nice to say something."

When asked how he felt about being chosen for Teacher of All Seasons, Eller said, "It feels a little odd because many teachers at Hoover work harder than I do. Still it's nice to know that students appreciate some of what I do in the classroom!"



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Senior Attendants — Awaiting the big moment the candidates Theresa Hedrick, April Taylor, Missy Priest, Alex Albright, Kathi Buckley, and Nga Lam pose for a few pictures.

High Spirits — Senior varsity basketball cheerleaders Amy Kneller and Katie Bierma base junior Abbie Williams while senior Nga Lam spots.



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V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! — In a battle for the spirit stick, seniors shout their loudest to try to defeat the other classes.

And the Winner is... — Theresa Hedrick hugs Alex Albright as he is announced the new Student of All Seasons for 1997.

STUDENT OF ALL SEASONS

BY CHRISSY BURNER

HAWAIIAN WINTER

Trudging through the snow bundled up to heat their cold bodies Hoover students found warmth and paradise inside the Botanical Center.

The 1997 Winter Formal was held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Botanical Center. This was the second year that the dance was held in February rather than in April.

The Winter Dance Committee, led by senior Amy Kneller and junior Melissa Christie, met many weeks before the dance to organize everything from the theme of the dance to which D.J. service would provide the best music for dancing.

The theme that the winter dance committee picked out was "A Hawaiian Night." The theme went well with the paradise-like atmosphere of the Botanical Center and could be easily tied in with the decorations.

The colors of the dance were orange, red, white, green, royal blue, yellow, and fuchsia. In the dance room there were pineapple centerpieces on each table. Palm trees and colorful decorations were put on the walls to set the Hawaiian mood.

The dance started at 8 p.m. and lasted until 11 p.m. Two separate rooms were available for the students. One of the rooms was occupied by tables and a karaoke machine for students to take a break from dancing and to show off their singing abilities. The other room was taken up by the dance floor. It also had a few tables to sit down and enjoy the refreshments. Everything from pop to Runts and mints to peanuts was offered.

Another form of entertainment, a free caricature artist, was scheduled to be at the dance from 9-11 p.m., but the artist was a no-show, disappointing many students.

Sayin' it all...

"It was one of the best turnouts we've had in a long time."

—junior Melissa Christie

"The Botanical Center was very beautiful and fit the theme of the dance well."

—sophomore Holly Mayer

"It was one of the better winter dances that I've been to."

—senior Amy Kneller



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Lookin' up—Freshmen Christiane Wilson, Tracy Cochran, Amanda Kreyling and senior Precious Carter gaze up at the Botanical Center's surroundings.

Coolin' off—Freshmen Immanuel Mosley, Reggie Williams, Danielle Edmonds, and sophomore Yalana Russel take a break from dancing.



Givin' some lovin'—Sophomore Michalle Hirsch and Hoover alumnus Gary Zillyette share a special moment in each others' arms.



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Gettin' caught—Senior Geneva Moore gets caught, by the camera man at the winter dance, goofing off with the security guard.

Slowin' things down—Juniors Tuffy Jackson and Melissa Christie dance together during a slow song.



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WINTER FORMAL

BY NICOLE BROWN

SIGNS OF SPRING

As the first blades of green grass pushed through the ground and as the days became a little bit longer, Hoover students grew noticeably restless. They longed to rid themselves of the homework and tests, the teachers and chalk dust, the remaining grim and gray days of Iowa's winter.

Destinations varied widely among the students. Some planned to spend spring break with their families in warmer states. Others took road trips in search of a full week of hearty shopping. A few chose to stay in Des Moines to catch up on sleep and relaxation.

Cancun, Mexico was the spot of choice for a number of seniors and for the Spanish class.

Junior Jenny Bennet said, "Cancun was an experience to remember. The beach was unlike anything I've ever seen and the people there are really open and friendly."

Other students also decided to get as far away from the United States as they possibly could.

"Jamaica was really great. The weather was perfect and the water was very clear. The people there are so laid-back. It was a great experience," senior Jessica Moeller said.

Those who stayed in Des Moines tried to

look for the silver lining in their spring break plans.

Senior Andrea Kueck said, "Even though I didn't get to go anywhere exciting, I got to stay here in good ol' Des Moines to catch up on my sleep and see some movies. I also managed to get a sunburn from the lamp in my living room."

Sophomore Kevin Kozitza said, "I stayed here for spring break. I had fun. My friends had fun. It was a jolly good time."

For those students who traveled elsewhere for their spring break experience, the week seemed to fly by.

"I went to Colorado on a train by myself to see some friends. I really had a fun time. It was really relaxing and even though it wasn't too warm, there was so much to do anyway," senior Amanda Jones said.

Whether students traveled to Iowa City, California, or Jamaica, most had similar goals in mind.

"To get tanned and to relax and have some innocent fun was my goal," senior Loan Pham said.

As students grew accustomed to the homework-free, care-free, balmy-weathered days of spring break, they also made many memories to last them until next year's spring break.



Making waves—Senior Missy Priest laughs as she sits aboard her jetski and gets some help from two experts in Jamaica.

photo by Amanda Camp



Campin' out- Senior Lee Ann Hofferber attempts to cook a grilled cheese sandwich on her camping trip to New Mexico.



photo by Don Eveland

Rollin' right along- Senior Steve Whitney grins as he gets a look at the landscape from inside a huge tire in Rays Copper Mine in Arizona.

Secret garden- Senior Loan Pham sits amid the palm trees and flower beds at the California State Fullerton Arboretum in Fullerton, California.



photo by Nereida Rodriguez

SPRING BREAK

BY NGA LAM

MAKING THE GRADE

The key to success is an education. That is what academics is all about. Hoover provides the opportunity to have an education for future success.

There are many activities involving academics at Hoover. Some of these include: NCYL, Central Campus, and Academic Decathlon.

The National Council on Youth Leadership is a program to recognize senior students who have succeeded academically and possess leadership skills senior year. These students have the opportunity to share their skills with other students across Des Moines. National Council on Youth Leadership students get the chance to attend a two-day workshop at Drake University.

Central Campus is a program for students to take academic classes not offered at their home school. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement classes or vocational classes.

Corporate Academic Institute is a program for students to experience work in the medical field and expand their knowledge of academics. These students spend half of the school day at Methodist Hospital.

School Within A School and P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. are programs that provide academics that are different from everyday classes. According to the instructors these programs are fun and motivating for the students who are involved. They participate in various activities in and outside of school throughout the school year.

Academic Decathlon is an extra-curricular club with the focus on academics. Members of this club spend hours after school expanding their knowledge and improving their academic skills.

Top three percent is one of the highest achievements at Hoover. Students receiving this honor have worked hard since their freshmen years in high school. Their hard work and dedication is recognized at Hoover during graduation.

There are various aspects of academics at Hoover, but all of the groups have the same goal, to do the best and to work hard. These are the components that make up an education at Hoover.





photo by Andrea Kueck



photo by Kirsten Knox

Is this right?—Junior Angela Steward receives help from teacher, Beth Owens, on her assignment before school. Steward is a geometry student.

I know !—Seniors Andy Garles and Magan Harris raise their hands to a question about the *Canterbury Tales* in Bette Prey's third period senior English class.

National Council of Youth Leadership, front row— Kari Behn, April Taylor, Nikki Johnson, Amanda Jones, Libby Mace, Theresa Hedrick, Nga Lam; back row— Tom Stehl, John Audlehelm, Matt Anderson, Xuan Nguyen, Steve Whitney, Kim Mack, Erica Hanlon, Andrea Kueck



photo by Kelly Christopher

LEADIN' THE WAY

The National Council of Youth Leadership is an organization built to promote leadership and honor young students for their involvement in the community.

In order to qualify the students must be nominated by the school and fill out an application. Within this application the student must identify what school, church, and community activities they are involved in. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Academics, community involvement, and qualities of leadership are the three areas the judges look at. In June, the students were interviewed by business leaders of Des Moines and surrounding areas.

241 students were chosen to attend the two day leadership conference at Drake University on Sept. 15 and 16. These students came from 13 different schools in the Des Moines area and its surrounding communities. The conference was entitled "Youth Salute." Of the 241 students attending, 21 students were from Hoover.

"We were all taken into a big room for two days. We didn't know why, but now we do. We were told not to share our experiences with the outsiders," said senior Kari Behn of the experience. Many of the students who attended the NCYL Conference said it was a good experience.

"NCYL was a great chance to get to know many of the youth leaders of other high schools. Instead of competing with the other high schools, we joined together for two days of fun and learning," said senior Jason Cowden.

Tom Stehl had a different view however. Looking back on the experience Stehl said "It was weird and uncomfortable."

There was a recognition ceremony held on Sept. 16 to recognize the students. Each student received a certificate of recognition. 21 students were awarded a \$400 scholarship. Candy Mason was the only student from Hoover to receive this scholarship.

Showin' his stuff— Mike Amos demonstrates the proper way to identify the protist in Biology class.





photo Loan Phum



Runnin' along— Senior Matt Anderson competes in the cross-country Hoover Invitational on Sept. 10.

Takin' charge— Newspaper Editor-in-Chief Steve Whitney shows junior Ann Lawrie how to complete circulation.

photo by Kathi Buckley

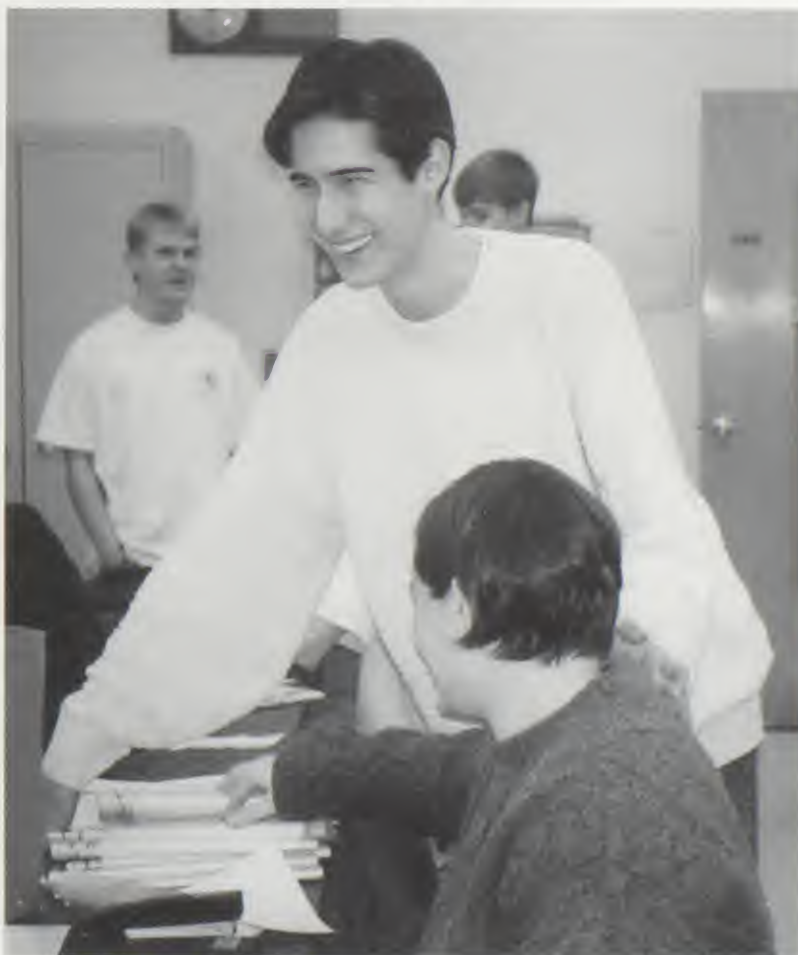


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ACADEMIC FEATURE

BY MEGAN POLLOCK

Academic Decathlon team, front row— Coach Pam Pilcher, Kristina Sheaffer, Terri Bradley, Raechel Bradley, Candy Hemphill, Deven Cole; back row— Thao Nguyen, Cindy Pham, Laura Winkler, Loan Pham, John Audlehelm. Not pictured— Thai Do, Jessica Neff, Joe Nagle, Alexa Woody, Steve Whitney, Carrie Witte, Bill Cone, Ira Hicks, assistant coach Jerry Leventhal



photo by Mullica

THINKIN' IT OUT

This year the Academic Decathlon team was coached by Pam Pilcher and Jerry Leventhal. The captains this year were seniors Thai Do and Loan Pham. The team consisted of 18 members.

Academic Decathlon is an academic club that competes with other Des Moines area schools. The topics for this year were computer communications, computer technology, physical science, economics, fine arts, math, and social studies.

Freshman Candy Hemphill said, "My favorite topic was fine arts."

Hoover competed with other teams through the fiber optics network. The Academic Decathlon team was divided into three sections. The honors section consisted of students with a 3.75-4.0 GPA. The scholastic section consisted of students with a 3.0-3.74 GPA. The varsity section consisted of students with a GPA of 2.9 and under.

"We started studying last summer and had practice every Monday and Thursday from 3-4 p.m. when school started. We also had two all-day study sessions at Samuelson Elementary School to help prepare for regionals," said Pham.

Regionals were held at Drake University on February 8, 1997. Overall the team placed fourth. In individual categories Do placed second in the honors section and Pham placed third in the scholastic section.

Placing fourth in regionals qualified the team for state competition in Denison, Iowa. State competition was March 14 and 15, 1997.

Do said, "Going to state was a big shock. We were working for it, but we had a young team this year."

Pilcher said, "Hoover's Academic Decathlon team has had an exceptional year. I'm really proud of the effort they made to qualify for state."

At state the team placed eleventh overall. Individually, Do placed tenth overall. Pham placed third in the interview competition and John Audlehelm placed second in the language arts competition.

Et tu Brute?— Senior John Audlehelm playing the role of Julius Caesar asks junior Joe Nagle, who is playing the role of Brutus, about what he is going to do. *Julius Caesar* was one of the books that Academic Decathlon had to read this year.





photo by Pam Pilcher



Where is it?— Senior Laura Winkler and sophomore Bill Cone look at a map of the world to try to find the country of Congo in Africa.

You are wrong!— Freshman Candy Hemphill tells the opposing team the correct answer about computer technology. The Academic Decathlon team was at an all-day study session at Samuelson Elementary School.

photo by Kris Sheaffer



photo by Pam Pilcher

ACADEMIC CLUBS

BY ANDREA KUECK

Updating the files- Sophomore Cathy Stokes flips through a file in one of the labs at Iowa Methodist Hospital. She was a lab assistant and would also observe the surgeries.



photo by Andrea Kueck

Keepin' track- Sophomore Angela Grant looks up a patient's medication for one of the nurses at Iowa Methodist Hospital. Grant worked on the newborn babies' floor during second semester.



photo by Andrea Kueck

CAI PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITIES

CAI, which stands for Corporate Academic Institute, is a program at Iowa Methodist Hospital for Hoover students. CAI began in 1992. The director of CAI is Nancy Winebrenner. Students in this program go to Methodist Hospital after third period every day.

Of the 25 students who are involved in CAI, four of them are from Hoover. This includes sophomores Cathy Stokes, Christy Grant, Angela Grant, and junior Duriel Browne.

According to Winebrenner, CAI is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Two days of the week are spent in the classroom, another two days are spent in learning stations, and one day per week is spent on physical education. Some of the stations the students have an opportunity to work at include: newborn intensive care, pharmacy, nursery, neuro/heart surgery, and the human gene lab.

Stokes said, "CAI gives me a chance to see what the future will be like. I enjoy being involved in CAI. I am a registered scope tech and right now I am working in a doctor's office. I like working in the doctor's office because I get to meet lots of different people."

Grant said, "CAI is fun. I work in the emergency room right now and I enjoy working with the patients."

"CAI is a good experience for students that are interested in the medical field," said Winebrenner.

According to Winebrenner, a student must have a 2.0 GPA and less than 12 absences to be eligible for CAI.

Students interested in CAI should talk to their counselors.

Readin' the facts- Sophomore Christy Grant looks up information for her disease report in the Iowa Methodist Hospital medical library.



photo by Andrea Kueck



photo by Loan Pham

The computer says—Seniors Thai Do and Brad Steffen contemplate the answer to a problem in AP Probability and Statistics. This was a new Advanced Placement class offered at Central Academy this school year.

Only 40 minutes—Senior Tim Nehmer writes his name on his paper for the practice AP Literature and Composition essay test in Sally Cotton's fifth period AP Literature and Composition class.



photo by Loan Pham

CENTRAL CAMPUS EXTENDS LEARNING

Central Campus, known by students as just "Central", is located in downtown Des Moines. Central Campus is an opportunity for Hoover students to take a variety of classes from plane aviation to marine biology.

Senior Kirsten Knox, who takes commercial photography and Italian V at Central Campus said, "Central is a great school that allows you to take a course not offered at regular high schools."

The student body of Central Campus is composed of students from the five Des Moines schools and surrounding suburbs. Students can take one to five classes at Central Campus.

One section of Central Campus is called Central Academy. Students at the Academy take advanced placement classes which are not offered at their home schools.

Senior Kristen Langstraat said, "Central Academy has given me a chance to take academically challenging classes with people who have the same academic goals as me."

Junior Sara Carlson said, "I really enjoy going to Central Academy because you meet a lot of nice people from other schools."

Vice-principal of Central Campus, Bob Sandquist, Sr., said one of the goals of Central Campus and Central Academy is to prepare students for college and the work force.

Senior Thai Do said, "Central lives up to its name as a center for learning in the city of Des Moines."

Five minutes left—Senior Kristen Langstraat hurries to finish her AP Calculus homework during lunch. Langstraat is in the first year of AP Calculus at Central Academy.



photo by Andrea Kueck

CENTRAL CAMPUS
BY ANDREA KUECK

Kick that ball— Freshman Mistafa Ikeljic and junior Nick Folk look to see if the ball that Ikeljic kicked in was a goal at the indoor soccer complex in Johnston during third period P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. class.

Hole in one— P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. helper junior Tuffy Jackson shows P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. helper sophomore Jenny Baumert and freshman Caleb Steenman that he can put a hole in one at Farley's Family Fun golf course.



photo by Cindy Grandquist

WORKIN' TOGETHER

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is now in its fourth year at Hoover, according to instructor Cindy Grandquist. P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E., which stands for Physical Education Opportunities for Exceptional Learners, is offered during third period. This class is taught by Dave Linder, Joan Mickle, Roberta Vermillion, and Grandquist.

There are 45 students in the P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. class. Twenty-three of the students are student helpers. The student helpers assist the other students during the class time.

Student helper sophomore Jenny Baumert said, "It's fun to help out people and get involved in Hoover."

"I've enjoyed P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. this year and I have had a lot of fun," said student helper junior Tammy Leitch.

P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. participates in activities outside of the school day also. Some activities this year included ice skating, bowling, camping, fishing, canoeing, and sledding. P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. also made a trip to a Des Moines Buccaneers game, an Iowa Cubs game, and Farley's Family Fun for miniature golf and the video arcade. P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. participates in the Iowa Special Olympics. The events that P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. enters in the Iowa Special Olympics are: bowling, volleyball, swimming, basketball, and track and field, according to instructor Grandquist.

Grandquist said, "P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. has become more than a physical education class. It has become a circle of friends. We care for each other and support each other. We sometimes get angry with each other. Overall it's an opportunity for students to interact with and learn from each other while having fun."

Ice skating anyone?— P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. teacher Roberta Vermillion helps junior Chris Bengtson with his ice skating at the Metro Ice Sports Arena during P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. class.



photo by Cindy Grandquist



photo by Cindy Grandquist



photo by Emily Boatwright

Turnin' the pages— Sophomore Geni Stanley flips through her world history book. SWS students were learning about different religions of the world.

How it's done— SWS world history teacher Phil Carlson helps sophomore George Miller with his essay. Carlson taught SWS students during first, second, and third hours this year.



photo by Emily Boatwright

LEARNIN' WITH SWS

School Within a School, also known as SWS, is a drop-out prevention program jointly funded by the United States Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Education, and the Des Moines Public Schools, according to Martin Pillers, counselor of SWS students.

Pillers was the new counselor for SWS students this year. Teachers who taught SWS students this year included Phil Carlson, who taught social studies; John Eller, who taught language arts; Robert Reynolds, who taught math; and Kent Babcock, who was the work experience advisor.

SWS classes are smaller than regular classes, with more emphasis on language arts, social studies, and mathematics.

"The smaller classes allow for much more personal attention by the teacher," Pillers said.

There are also activities outside of school for SWS students. They perform community service tasks at retirement homes, day-care centers, and elementary schools. Many are also involved in work-experience situations in both public and private sector positions, Pillers said.

Clown club is another activity for SWS students. The students go to elementary schools dressed as clowns to perform for the elementary kids.

Pillers said, "SWS has been successful in reducing the numbers of drop-out students in the Des Moines schools. The personal attention in the core areas has helped students who otherwise might have been 'overlooked' or 'turned-off' by school, to get over the hump and be more encouraged to continue school, graduate and become successful and productive citizens. This is the goal of SWS in Des Moines schools."

Writin' it down— Freshman Emmanuel Mosley fills out his worksheet in SWS English. SWS English gave students more personal attention.



photo by Emily Boatwright

SWS

BY ANDREA KUECK

LEADIN' THE PACK

The class of 1997 graduated twenty students in the top three percent. Many had the goal of being distinguished their senior year since they were freshmen.

"When I was a freshman, I wanted to finish at the top of my class," said senior Todd Strum. "I set my goals high and have worked hard to reach them."

Several of the seniors were involved in many things.

"It's not easy being involved in so many things and still keep a good GPA," said senior Kelly Nelson.

"I've finally reached my goal and all my work has paid off," said Strum.

Seniors offered advice to underclassmen as how to be in the top three percent.

"If you want to get into the top three percent, just do all of your homework and don't give up," said senior My-Linh Phan. "You can also study hard."

Many were glad that they went to Hoover and were sad to be leaving.

"Hoover is quite an amazing place," said Phan. "I'll miss all my friends here."

"Being in the top three percent helped with my acceptance into college," said senior Kari Behn. "My advice to underclassmen: work hard and it really pays off."



Matthew Anderson



John Audlehelm



Sanela Bajic



Kari Behn



Matthew Broich



Theresa Hedrick



Erin Husmann



Amanda Jones



Amy Kneller



Andrea Kueck



Kristen Langstraat



Kimberly Mack



Kelly Nelson



Hieu Nguyen



My Linh Phan



Kristina Selander



Thomas Stehl



Todd Strum



Jonathon Talcott



Jeffrey Wilson

TOP 3%

BY CARRIE WITTE

SOMETHIN' FOR EVERYONE

The key to success is an education. But what is there to do before the school day begins, after the school day ends, or on the weekends? School activities provide an outlet for creativity and talent apart from the often-monotonous world of academics.

The world of activities at Hoover often circles around the actions of the Student Council. They make decisions and suggest ideas to keep the interest of student activities high.

ROTC is a program to prepare select Hoover students for careers in various branches of the U.S. Army. These courses give students who are interested in joining the Army after graduation college credit for incentive.

National Honor Society is an organization based on academics and leadership devoted to community service. These students work to improve the school and the community through special volunteer projects.

Peer Helpers and Conflict Managers keep the school running smoothly. If a problem arises that cannot be worked out, these organizations are always there to help out.

The newspaper and yearbook staffs work to keep current information circulating around the halls of HHS. The Challenger reports more recent information, and the Husky provides a collection of memories for after graduation.

Concert Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, All State, Prep Choir, Concert Choir, and Harmony exist because of the enjoyment of music. Students in all these fields often practice long hours in the hopes of being the best musicians possible.

The school Drama department is fun for both the actors and producers behind the scenes, as well as the audiences they entertain. There is a drama offering almost every month, which ensures that the people involved never run out of things to do.

Other school clubs, such as Imani Players and Academic Decathlon, offer a chance for students to learn while having fun outside of class.

A majority of Hoover students are active within at least one school activity. This ensures that as long as there is school to attend, there will always be something for everyone to do after the final bell rings.





photo by Brad Steffen



photo by Brad Steffen

All together now—Members of concert choir go through exercises to warm up their voices.

Goin' places—Junior Brenda Bass hurries to a National Honor Society meeting.

Taking —Responsibility—

We all know how it works, your homeroom teacher asks if there are any volunteers to represent your homeroom as the student council member. There is always that really outgoing involved with everything person who raises their hand and volunteers. Well, there it is, that's how you are selected to be a student council member.

This year the Fall cabinet consisted of a senior based group with Magan Harris (President), Precious Carter (Vice-President), Scott Johnson (Secretary), and Alex Albright (Treasurer). The spring semester cabinet was a mixture of two sophomores, one junior, and one senior. The president senior Jay Brommel, vice-president junior Ben Minnis, and sophomores Stephanie Hill (Secretary), Kevin Kozitza (Treasurer). The advisor is Vice-Principal Dennis Ramsey.

Student Council is involved in setting up the Homecoming Assembly, the Student of All Seasons assembly, and setting up the committees for the dances. This year the student council members met every three weeks during third hour in the east cafeteria.

The representatives from each class are then supposed to relay all new revelations to their homerooms, so that the student body is informed of the council's decisions and changes.



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Student Council members— front row, Sam Bunn, Kevin Kozitza, Jessica Lovejoy, Adam Johnson, Stephanie Hill, Michalle Hirsch, Katie Bierma, Teondra Gilkey, Melissa Christie, Amy Kneller, Cindy Gronert; second row, Nicole Ertmann, Eboniece Cason, My Linh Phan, Traci Skinner, Sue Peterson, Erin Husmann, Alishia Smock, Stephanie Wells, April Taylor, Precious Carter, Amanda Kreyling, Tiffany Camus, third row, Kristen Gibson, Kathi Buckley, Nikki Johnson, Magan Harris, Bridget Evans, Ut Le, Sanela Bajic, Antonia Lechuga, Matilde Flores, Ben Minnis, Steve Rude, Nathan Thiese, Nicole Schrader, Rhesa Wickersham, Amanda Young; back row, Tonya Halstead, Jason Cowden, Jasmin Hodzic, Mikel Morris, Kelly Christopher, Scott Johnson, Mat Griffis, Ryan Kramer, Ryan Doughan, Ryan Dow, Steve Whitney



photo by Emily Audlehelm



photo by Kristen Gibson



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Working for Success— Senior Amy Kneller works diligently on her homework, so she has more time to take part in extra-curricular activities.

Fall Officers— Seniors Magan Harris, Scott Johnson, Precious Carter are the cabinet members for the first semester.

Hmm, what to say?—Senior Magan Harris ponders over what she is going to say next at a student council meeting.



Ben Minnis
Spring Vice-President

"I think that Student Council is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn that their opinion can make a difference."



Precious Carter
Fall Vice-President

"My main goal in Student Council this year was to get the whole student body represented, and to unite the student body through school activities."

Spring Officers— Sophomores Stephanie Hill, Kevin Kozitza, junior Ben Minnis, and senior Jason Brommel make-up the spring cabinet.



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Listen up everyone— Senior Amy Kneller and junior Melissa Christie go over some important information about the spring activities.

Teacher participation - Mr. Carlson sits in on the S.A.D.D. meeting.



Photo by: Carrie Stackhouse

S.A.D.D. Smiles- During their S.A.D.D. meeting Senior Precious Carter, Junior Amannda Butts, Sophomore Traci Skinner share a few laughs.



Photo by: Carrie Stackhouse

Student

- Clubs -

There are many clubs and committees that a student has to choose from at Hoover. Taking part in some of these clubs has many benefits for the students as well as the school. Agreeing with this, senior Precious Carter, president of S.A.D.D., said, "I think it's a way for students to interact together."

T.L.C. is a club that promotes a drug free environment in schools as well as in the community. A lot of times students in this club organize for speakers to come in and talk about the consequences of doing drugs.

The Homecoming and Winter dance committees come up with the Hoover dance themes. Students in this club also think of entertainment people can enjoy while attending the dance.

S.A.D.D. is a club that promotes the safety of not drinking while driving. Students frequently remind each other of this by tying red ribbons on their car antennas. They also bring in outside speakers to talk about the downfalls of drinking while driving.

I.C.P. is a club that promotes the virtues of diversity at Hoover. This is also a club that takes part in the exchange programs, along with the science department..

There are many clubs that a student has the option of joining and taking part in at his school. When decisions are being made, and changes begin to occur, being in a student club gives the students the ability to contribute their ideas and make their voices heard.

President of ICP, Sanela Bajic, said of student clubs, "It's interesting, and trying to change new things is fun."



Precious Carter

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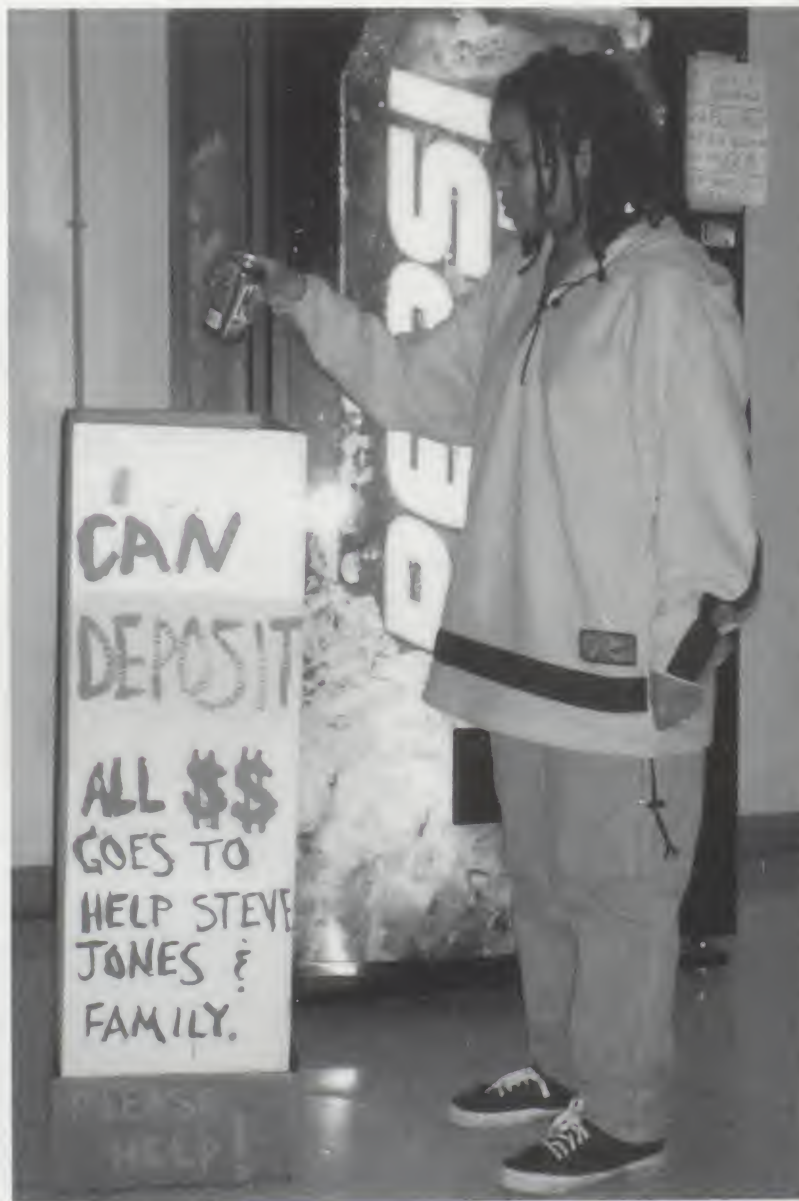


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Keepin'

Time

If you combined a cheerleader and a manager what you would come up with is anyone of the 16 girls that make up the Timers and Yellers Club at Hoover.

Andrea Kueck, senior and president of the Timers and Yellers Club said, "We had a lot of new members this year. The old members taught the new members how to do everything so the meets ran smoothly. It was fun to cheer on the swim team."

The other officers of the club are senior Carrie Stackhouse, vice president; junior Lyssa Dusenberry, treasurer; and sophomore Danae Kinzel, secretary.

The purpose of the Timers and Yellers Club is just what the name says. Members of the club time swimmers at the guys' home swim meets. The stopwatch starts the moment the swimmer leaves the block and stops when the swimmer touches the wall at the end of the race. Although the pool is equipped with a touch pad, the timers are there for accuracy and any double-checking that is needed. Yellers cheer on the swimmers in order to get them to go faster. Timers and Yellers also announce the times, heats, and swimmers from each school.

On your mark, get set, GO!— Freshmen Sara Parker stands ready as she waits for the swimmer in her lane to finish the race. Part of being in the Yellers and Timers Club is participating in most of the guys' home swim meets by timing the swimmers in each heat.



Carrie Stackhouse
Vice-President

"Timers Club is a great and easy way for someone to feel like they're part of the school."



Andrea Kueck
President

"We gave the swimmers a lot of support this year at home and away meets."



photo by Allison Musser



photo by Allison Musser

Showing school spirit -- Senior Precious Carter deposits her can to help out fellow student Steve Jones.

Hard at work — Sophomore Jennifer Baumert waits with anticipation for the heat to end so that she can run the time to the score box.



photo by Allison Musser

Members of the Timers and Yellers Club, front row—Lyssa Dusenberry, Andrea Kueck, Carrie Stackhouse; second row, Emily Neve, Sara Parker, Rachel Pokos, and Chrissy Sheppard. Not Pictured—Danae Kinzel, Kari Messerschmidt, Jennifer Baumert, Andrea Lee, Heidi Hotopp, Amber Troyer, Mary Mefferd, Kacy Grimaldi, and Precious Carter.

A little help — Junior newspaper staffer Katie Gross lends a helping hand to fellow staffer, sophomore Kevin Kozitza, in the journalism room.

Newspaper Staff— front row, Rhesa Wikersham, Emily Boatwright, Elisabeth Woody, Nicole Brown, Steve Whitney, Loan Pham, Katie Gross, Holly Canine; second row, Candice Mason, Elizabeth Carey, Brenda Bass, Kelly Nelson, Loren Porter, Jared Peterson, Kathi Buckley, Jenny Bennet, Kim Peddycoart; back row, David Lam, Kevin Kozitza, Bryce Jones, Rex Tredway, Adam Johnson, Eric Kintner, Kris Fenrich, Sara Carlson, Kelly Christopher, advisor Laura Ahrendt. Not Pictured—Nate Ferguson, Todd Strum, Aimee Ramsey, Anne Lawrie, Sarah Hinchliff.



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Soliciting —Stories—

There were several changes made this year in the newspaper class, including increased class size, a new printer, a switch in delivery dates, and a change in the front page design.

The size of the newspaper staff increased moderately this year. Several students dropped at the end of the first semester, but there were even more new students that signed up to join the staff for the second semester.

Also this year, the newspaper class decided to put out a paper every three weeks instead of bi-weekly, as was done in the past. This gave the staff more time to pay attention to detail and put out a more fully developed paper.

In the past, the *Challenger* featured a news story on the front page. This year, the staff decided to switch to a tabloid-like style with dominant pictures on the cover instead of text. This made the paper seem more like a news magazine than a paper, which was the intent of the staff.

Newspaper editor Steve Whitney said, "As always, newspaper was a fun and unique way to experience the journalism industry. The important aspect of newspaper this year was the progress the staff made with the quality of writing and our increased communication skills. I think this year they reached an all-time high."



Nicole Brown
Entertainment Editor

"Newspaper this year has had its ups and downs. The staff had trouble meeting deadlines."



Candy Mason
Staff Writer

"I thought the newspaper just kept getting better and better as the year went on."

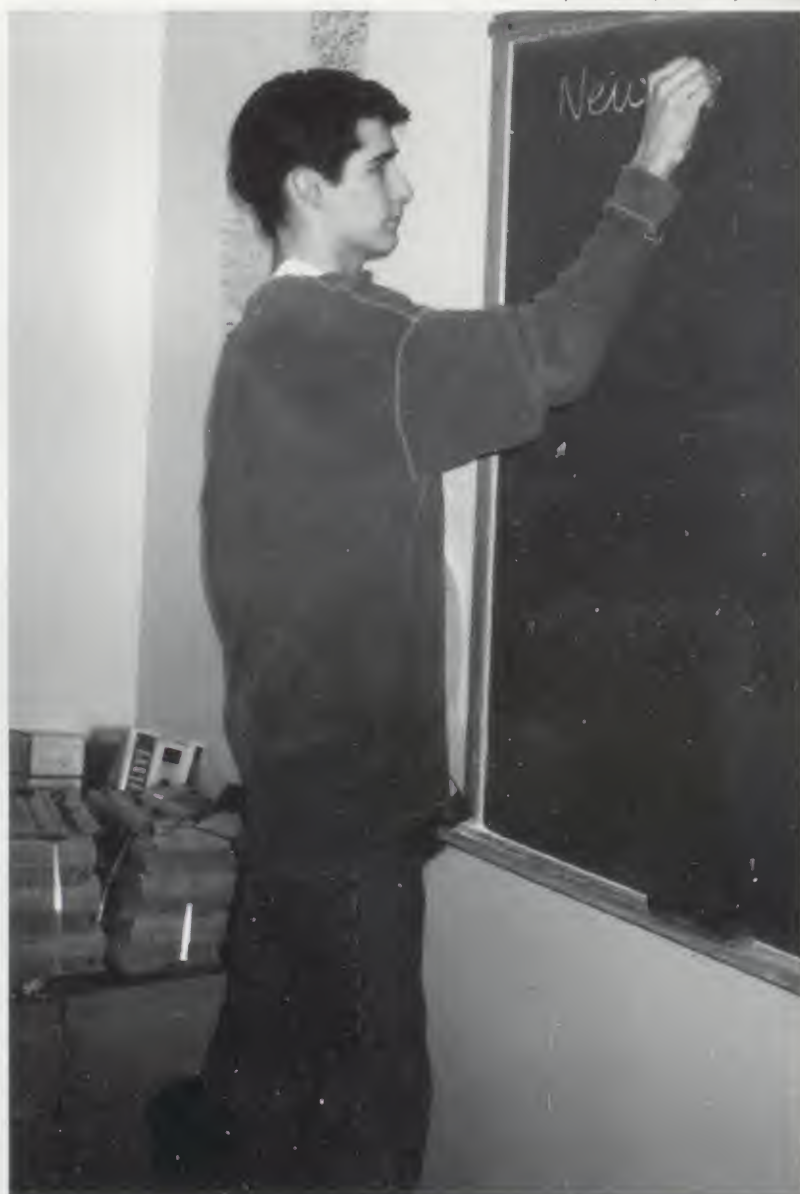


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Nga Lam

Co-Editor

"Yearbook had a lot of new people this year, which was really good. At least the book wasn't lost this year."



Carrie Witte

Freshmen Editor

"It was great working on something that everyone will remember their days in high school by."

Enduring — Memories —

After last year's yearbook fiasco, the 1996-1997 Husky staff decided it was time to switch yearbook companies. After exhaustive research, it was decided that the switch would be made from Jostens to Herff Jones. Along with this switch came new programs and layouts that the yearbook staff was forced to learn. The transition was made smoothly, and soon work on the book was going at a frantic pace.

The staff this year was diverse, mirroring the diversity found in the student body. For the first time in years, there was a balance among grade levels. The upperclassmen who had taken the course before kept things running smoothly while the new underclassmen learned the system.

Also this year came the addition of four special education students. The students participated in the yearbook process, running errands and making phone calls to help out the rest of the staff.

Senior Nicole Brown said, "Having special need students in yearbook was a great idea. It seemed like they enjoyed helping put the book together."

Working it out — Senior yearbook co-editor Steve Whitney gives sophomore yearbook staffer Kristen Gibson a little advice on how to complete her yearbook page.



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A friendly reminder — Senior newspaper editor Steve Whitney writes a reminder on the board in the journalism room to his fellow classmates.

Finishing touches — Senior Missy Priest puts the finishing touches on one of her many pages. Priest was co-editor of the sports section, along with fellow senior Amanda Camp, also pictured in the background.



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Yearbook staff— front row, Michalle Hirsch, Emily Boatwright, Karen Lueder, Steve Whitney, Nga Lam, Andrea Kueck, Emily Audelhelm; second row, Nicole Brown, Carrie Witte, Allison Musser, Maggie Beavers, Amanda Camp, Kristina Sheaffer; back row, Christina Burner, adviser Laura Ahrendt, Kristin Gibson, Jared Peterson, Kelly Christopher. Not pictured—Brad Steffen, Ann Lawrie, Kelly Karsten, Missy Priest, Megan Pollock, Carrie Stackhouse.

Practicing the Pros — Junior Nick Anderson teaches sophomore Kris Fenrich about the facts of the case, while freshman Ryan Laudick looks on during their sixth hour debate class.

Debate team — front row; David Farlow, Sara Cline, J. D. Sharp, Jason Karaidos, second row, Steve Whitney, Nick Anderson, Kris Fenrich. Not pictured, Mike Amos.



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Debating —Issues—

The Hoover Debate Team was involved in many activities throughout this year. Debaters participated in several debate tournaments at schools in the Des Moines area and abroad.

Coach Kirk Johnson said that the team placed in the middle or upper half of all the tournaments they attended.

Seniors Mike Amos and Steve Whitney carried the seniority of the newly underclassmen dominated activity, because of the amount of freshmen enrolled in the class.

Juniors Nick Anderson and Kim Peddycoart were involved in several of the competitions. The rest of the participants include various students from Johnsons' sixth hour forensics class. The students choose to participate based on their availability, and have the option of receiving letter points.

To finish off the debate year the debaters participated in a debate contest in Cherokee, Iowa. The contest proved to be a successful debate event. Junior Nick Anderson placed second, and gained the chance to go on to nationals as an alternate, while senior Steve Whitney placed fourth in his house. Both Anderson and Whitney received medallions for their accomplishments.

"We've all excelled as the year went on, in our accomplishments," Kim Peddycoart.



Kirk Johnson
Debate Coach

"Debate offers a new and collaborative learning environment for students."



Mike Amos
Debate

"This is the perfect place for students to build memories and remember the issues."



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Jared Peterson

Radio/T.V.

"I really enjoyed this class because it gave me a chance to express my creativity."



Erin Husmann

Radio/T.V.

"I had a really nice time in Radio/T.V.; I especially enjoyed how I was able to just let go and have fun."

Sending Waves

Radio/T.V. is a class designed for students to learn the ends and outs of the broadcast industry.

The class which meets fourth hour, focuses on radio and television, as well as video.

According to teacher Kirk Johnson, the students involved usually are more involved with one aspect of the class than the others.

The radio students work on radio broadcasts that air in the student center while the television students work on editing video tapes for class projects. Most of the students work together on the production of the video yearbook.

The video yearbook is the end result of the class. Throughout the year radio and T.V. students can be seen around the school sporting cameras in an effort to catch just the right moments to be compiled for the yearbook.

"The individual projects are the most fun because you cut loose," senior Bridget Evans said.

On the airwaves — Senior Mat Griffis works on his radio performance for his recurring show that airs in the students center during lunches.



photo by Emily Boatwright

Silence in the court — Senior Mike Amos raps a gavel in sixth hour debate while practicing for the Mock Trial Competition held in March.

Discuss amongst yourselves — Seniors Bridget Evans, Katie Bierma, DeLaine Burken, Erin Husmann and Colleen Bergman practice editing videos for the video yearbook.



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Radio/T.V. class — front row, Seniors Erin Husmann, Colleen Bergman, Delaine Burken, Katie Bierma and Bridget Evans, back row; Kelly Christopher, T'Komo Dabner, Chance Hulten, Mat Griffis, Kris Fenrich, Jared Peterson and Nick Anderson.

Pleasing the crowd — Senior flagger Allison Musser leads the Flag Corps in a routine at the Beavertdale Fall Fest in September. The Flag Corps performed here with the Hoover Marching Band, as they did in almost every other competition, including halftime performances at home football games.

Flag Corps — front row; Andrea Kueck, Erica Hanlon, Allison Musser. Second row; Jennifer Howe, Christine Gettys, Lyssa Dusenbery, Angela Sampson, Laura Clark. Back row; Carrie Stackhouse, Melissa Mallette, Tonya Halstead, Holly Mayer, Jenny Baumert.



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Phenomenal Flags

This year, the 13 members of the Flag Corps underwent a rigorous schedule. Despite the arrival of several new members this year, the members of the Flag Corps were satisfied with overall team unity. Flag camp began in June for the third year in a row. In this event, half of the Hoover Flag Corps members received the "All-Star Performance" award.

The Flag Corps was led this year by senior captains Allison Musser and Erica Hanlon, and senior assistant captain Andrea Kueck. Kueck said, "I think we had a good year. We had a lot of new members and we put a lot of time and dedication into practicing for State Contest and Valleyfest."

Flagger Angela Sampson said, "50% of flags is mental, the other 50% is coordination. To succeed, you have to do both."

The Flag Corps also entertained the crowd at each of Hoover's home football games at McGrane Stadium. They performed at halftime with the marching band to songs such as "Respect", "House of the Rising Sun", and "Land of Make Believe". They also competed in the State Band Competition, Valleyfest, the All State Marching Band Parade, the Beavertdale Parade, the North-Hoover Exhibition, and the Homecoming Pep Assembly.



Allison Musser
Co-captain

"This year's Flag Corps was definitely the best one in my 4 years. The girls were talented and dedicated."



Erica Hanlon
Co-captain

"I'm very proud of our Flag Corps this year. They worked real hard, and we had a great season."



photo by Jolesch



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Sara Carlson
Percussion

"We tried a lot of new things this year, and we were pretty successful."



Jamie Beard
Saxophone

"This marching band was the best I've ever been in at Hoover. We practiced almost every morning at 7:00, no matter what."

Spirited — Sounds —

The marching band had a busy season this year. With rehearsals beginning in July, they practiced about two hours a day, once a week, until school started. Once the school year commenced, they were at school by 7:00 A.M. each day marching and playing their way to what they hoped to be a successful season.

This year was marked by many changes for the band. First, the drills were written by professional drill writer Bob Long, who also writes drills for the Valley Marchmasters. Also with the aid of the 21 new freshman, the band, for the first time in many years, had full instrumentation, a full flag line, and a somewhat full drum line, which included two eighth grade pit players.

The band also added a performance this year; it was a marching exhibition, which featured the Hoover and North High School marching bands. The band also performed at the Beavertown Fall Festival Parade, where they received a Beavertown brick in the best marching band category.

Rhythm and melody — Sophomore Ben Talcott keeps both as he plays the baritone saxophone at Valleyfest on October 12. Hoover received an 'Excellent' rating for the competition, held at Valley High School. The band missed a 'Superior' rating by only three points.



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Mental toughness — Junior Angela Sampson goes over her routine in her mind before the music begins at the State competition.

Attention! — Senior Theresa Hedrick and junior Jason Danielson, this year's drum majors, capture the attention of the Hoover Marching Band at McGrane Stadium. Hedrick and Danielson auditioned before the school year to capture the title of drum major.



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Hoover Marching Band — front row: director Patrick Kearney, Christopher Talcott, Seth Rowland, Ramon Nieves, Stanley Patton, Spencer McGinnis, Andrew Fetter, drum majors Jason Danielson and Theresa Hedrick, Nate Curl, Cathy Stokes, Brandon Heidt, Sara Carlson. Second row: percussion director Woody Smith, Erica Hanlon, Allison Musser, Jennifer Howe, Jenny Baumert, Tonya Halstead, Holly Mayer, Laura Clark, Carrie Stackhouse, Melissa Mallette, Lyssa Dusenbery, Andrea Kueck, Angela Sampson, Christine Gettys. Third row: asst. director Steve Malone, Kristin Langstraat, Taha Burnett, Katie Gay, Amanda Bradley, Olivia Roth, Mary Mefferd, Amanda Tripp, Sara Parker, Diana Deskin, Meredith Jones, Nikki Skladzien, Amy Simpson, Jenny Fath. Fourth row: Andrew Rowland, Mark Dante, Joelle Coons, Lisa Simpson, Candy Hemphill, Mikel Morris, Michael Schulz, Elizabeth Hotka, Emily Neve, Karl Messerschmidt, Colin Melton, Kristi Larson, Tricia VanZee, Crystal Smith, Michelle Jackovich, Michelle Kasper. Fifth row: asst. director Fred McLaughlin, Andrew Hotopp, Ben Talcott, Sarah Ellis, Thao Nguyen, Casey Coppi, Brent Thornburg, Jeff Hopp, Aaron Kuiken, Michael Mefferd, Andrew Farley, Jamie Beard, Erica Owen, Rachel Pokos, Sherry VanZee. Not pictured—Amanda Butts

MARCHING BAND
BY BRAD STEFFEN

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Keeping time — Seniors Jamie Beard and Theresa Hedrick try to keep up with each other on the saxophone during a band rehearsal.

Concert Band— front row, band director Patrick Kearney; second row, Kristi Larson, Amanda Bradley, Sarah Ellis, Carrie Stackhouse, Kristen Langstraat, Andrea Kueck, Lyssa Dusenbery, Amy Simpson, Jennifer Howe, Christine Gettys, Sherry VanZee, Rachael Pokos, Sherwinter Harper; third row, Jenny Fath, Thao Nguyen, Tricia VanZee, Talia Burnett, Ramon Nieves, Angela Sampson, Emily Neve, Michelle Jackovich, Michelle Kasper, Olivia Roth, Diana Deskin, Elizabeth Hotka; fourth row, Spencer McGinnis, Michalle Hirsch, Casey Coppi, Andrew Farley, Joelle Coons, Mark Dante, Meredith Jones, Amanda Tripp, Katie Gay, Sara Parker, Ebonece Cason, Erica Owen, Mary Mefferd, Brent Thornburg, Brandon Heidt, Andrew Fetter; back row, Amanda Butts, Candy Hemphill, Colin Melton, Stanley Patton, Jason Danielson, Ben Talcott, Jeff Hopp, Aaron Kuiken, Nate Curl, Andrew Rowland, Andy Hotopp, Sara Carlson, Cathy Stokes, Mike Mefferd, Jamie Beard, Mikel Morris, Theresa Hedrick.



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Live in Concert

The Hoover Concert Band had a busy year from the very beginning.

They practiced every day during first period under the expert teaching of musical director Pat Kearney. Kearney is a man of experience at this position, and there were several returning band members, so the band came into the season with high expectations.

Their first concert was on Dec. 16 in a joint effort with the Meredith band. This concert went smoothly and helped calm the jitters for their second performance on Feb. 20.

The band finished the year with a hectic schedule, beginning May 15 at the Adventureland Contest in Altoona. This was immediately followed by the State Concert Band Contest at Valley High School on May 10. On May 15, the band played for senior recognition night, where awards were handed out also to outstanding performers.

Senior band member Andrea Kueck said, "All in all, band this year went pretty well. It was kind of a drag practicing every morning, but all that practice really did help for the concerts. Playing with the Meredith band was quite an experience, as was the Adventureland Contest. I just hope next year's band will work as hard as we did to excel."



Ben Talcott
Baritone Saxophone

"I love band! I can't imagine anything I'd rather be doing right now..."



Spencer McGinnis
Drums

"I like being in the band. It's rewarding to hear yourself in concert after all the practices you had to suffer through in the year."



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Ramon Nieves

Bongo Drums

"I like being in jazz band. It gives me a chance to express myself through my music every day."



Brent Thornburg

Trombone

"Jazz band is lovely and delightful. The comraderie of the people in jazz band is unbelievable."

Relaxing Jazz

This year's jazz band dedicated their hearts and souls to their music, and it payed off for them in the end.

The year was packed with performances for the busy jazz band members, including SCIBA, the Tallcorn Jazz Fest at UNI, where the band finished first, the State Jazz Contest in Newton, and the State Jazz Championships.

After all the hard work they put in during the season, they were rewarded with a satisfying fifth place in the State Jazz Championships held at the Civic Center on April 3.

Band director Pat Kearney said, "I just can't say enough about the talent and character of the students in jazz band this year. It's been such a great experience working with them this year, and our success has just made it that much better. I would especially like to congratulate the seniors for their fantastic leadership. I will miss them all."

Laid back — Senior Casey Coppi looks relaxed as he goes over his music before practice in the band room. Coppi was the bass player for this year's jazz band.



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Jazz Band— front row, Andrew Fetter, Dave Juskelis, Andrew Farley, Ben Talcott, Jamie Beard, Theresa Hedrick, Mary Mefferd; second row, Sara Carlson, Ramon Nieves, Spencer McGinnis, Andy Hotopp, Andrew Rowland, Brent Thornburg, Jeff Hopp; back row, Casey Coppi, Nate Curl, Jason Danielson, Mike Mefferd, Mike Schulz, Mikel Morris, Mark Dante.



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Preparation — Sophomore Brent Thornburg prepares himself for a band concert. Thornburg played the trombone for both concert band and jazz band.

Pounding away — Sophomore Ramon Nieves finds his rhythm on the drums during a jazz band practice session.

Playing the notes — Sophomore Amber Hilsenbeck concentrates on her music to play the right rhythms during seventh period orchestra class.

Orchestra class — front row, instructor Derek Claussen, Alishia Smock, Heidi Hotopp, Danae Kinzel, Tierra Gunn, Ophelia Harris; second row, Lisa Kirch, Sydnei Harris, Dana Hansen, Amber Hilsenbeck, Jerry Buckley. Not pictured, Elisabeth Burt, Sidney Butler, Shazasha Cason, Holly Mayer, Lissa Slotterback.



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All Those —Strings—

Hoover's orchestra got off to a new start when instructor Derek Claussen took over the baton. This was his first year teaching.

The class had 15 enrolled students with 12 violins, one viola, one cello and one harp. The group also had two violists who played with the group at concerts.

The orchestra's first performance was with the All-City orchestra in November. They then got the chance to play with the orchestra again when the groups joined together in April for a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. There they attended the St. Louis Symphony, had clinics with professional musicians and saw the town.

Other performances included the CIML Festival in February, in which every orchestra from schools in the Central Iowa Metropolitan Conference participated. There was also the Solo and Ensemble Festival that was held in April. The orchestra then teamed up with the band and choirs for Hoover's commencement in May. Their own performances were during the months of December and May in Hoover's auditorium.

When asked what has been a positive experience for him at Hoover, Claussen said, "The most positive thing here is working with the students. These are some of the best people I've had yet. I look forward to seventh hour every day."



Heidi Hotopp
Sophomore

"We had a lot of new people this year and a lot of new talent to improve our orchestra."



Holly Mayer
Sophomore

"Having a new instructor was a really good change. It helped us to grow as a group."



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Mikel Morris
Junior

"The All-State competition is really tough. It's very difficult to make it and is an extreme honor if you are chosen."



Jennifer Throckmorton
Junior

"Even though I didn't make All-State, I made music when I tried out and it made me happy."

Musical Honors

During Nov. 21-23, students from all around the state gathered at Hilton Coliseum in Ames for the 50th Annual Iowa All-State Music Festival. The festival was broadcast on Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. on IPTV.

High school musicians from over 300 schools auditioned for a place in the festival. The choir consisted of approximately 600 voices while 266 band members were selected.

Linda Vanderpool, Hoover's choir director, said, "All-State is the most challenging audition for high school musicians to prepare for. It takes time, talent and concentrated effort."

Hoover was represented by senior Alishia Smock and junior Mike Shulz. Smock, who plays the harp, made her third appearance this year at the festival.

Shulz, a bass singer, got to experience the honor for the first time.

When asked what effect it had on him to help prepare those who auditioned, Patrick Kearney, director of Hoover's bands, said, "It's always good to see students achieve excellence through the All-State process."

Music at its best — Senior saxophone player Jamie Beard practices his All-State material. Beard received first alternate at the audition.



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Rhythm and sound — Senior Alishia Smock concentrates on her finger positions while playing the harp in orchestra class. Smock auditioned and made All-State.



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Directing the music — Orchestra conductor Derek Claussen glances down at the score to keep his place while leading the orchestra students in a song.

Quality sound — Sophomore Eric Sharp, junior Mike Shulz, sophomore Brent Thornburg and junior Mikel Morris show their talent during Harmony rehearsal. They all auditioned for All-State.

ALL-STATE
BY MICHALLE HIRSCH

Making Music — Prep choir members concentrate on singing their best.

Prep Choir — front row, Sarah Ward, Tracy Atess, Alexa Woody, Joey Ashby, Mark Quiner, Laverne Greenfield, Nicole Schrader, Heather Mason; second row, Sherry Van Zee, Melissa Carlson, Heather Bash, Tonya Rodriguez, Chris Leewright, Philip Cavan, Diana Deskin, Megan Dodds, Elizabeth Hotka; third row, Michelle Jackovich, Beth Weiberg, Kristina O'Deay, Katie Gay, Sarah Parker, Emily Neve, Nate Theise, Josh Dreyer, John Nadler, Amy Simpson, Donna Bates, Tinea Ibukic; back row, Ulyssa Hampton, Sarah White, Rachel Bradley, Amy Mertes, Keith Tilton, Jed Hayes, JoAnna Kirstein, Michele Meyer, Jennie Allen. Not pictured — Jerri Carr, Tiffany Cavanaugh, Amanda Darr, Fedha Dedie, Stephanie Foreman, Sydney Harris, Khean Ho, Jill Kanealy, Jessica Neff, Cindy Pham, Amy Roe, Misty Spencer, Andrew Stoltze, Rachel VanRavenhorst, Jean Wolfe.



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Rising to the Top

With 55 members in the group, this year's prep choir was somewhat larger than groups in the past. According to choir instructor, Linda Vanderpool, it was the biggest ever.

Vanderpool has been teaching for 15 years, six of which were at Hoover. She said, "This is a fabulous group of singers. They possess skill and sensitivity and love to sing together. It is a joy to work with them."

Freshman Kristina O'Deay said, "Prep choir has been a wonderful experience. I have learned a lot of techniques and had a lot of fun."

The choir performed at many concerts during the year, but according to freshman Sherry Van Zee, the Masterworks Concert was one they "really looked forward to." They were joined by the Hoover concert choir, the Meredith eighth grade choir, three Drake soloists, and strings.

Vocal music instructor Chrade Younkin said, "This year's prep choir has achieved the greatest of any since I started at Hoover five years ago. I am anxious to see where they will be at the end of their four years at Hoover."



Josh Dreyer
Freshman Bass

"It was fun. Ms. V and Chrade are fun. Fun is the word."



John Nadler
Freshman Bass

"We did music that none of us thought we could do in the amount of time given."

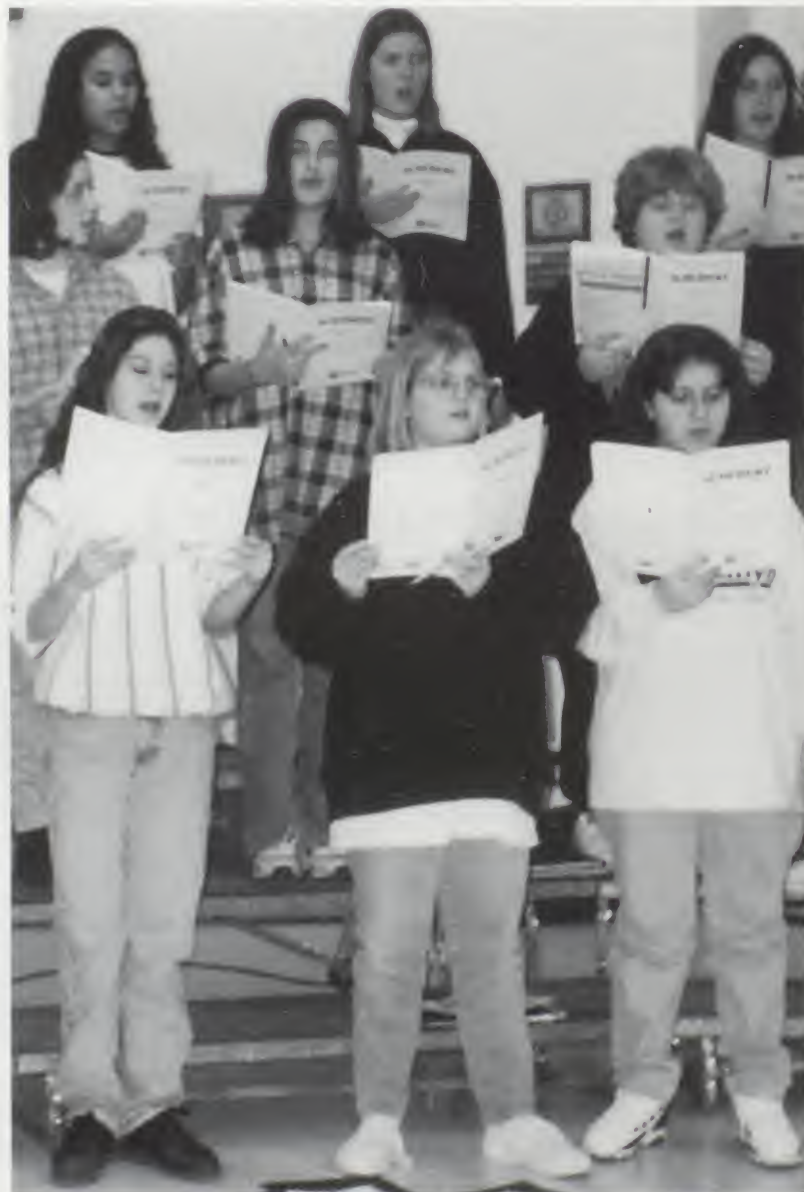


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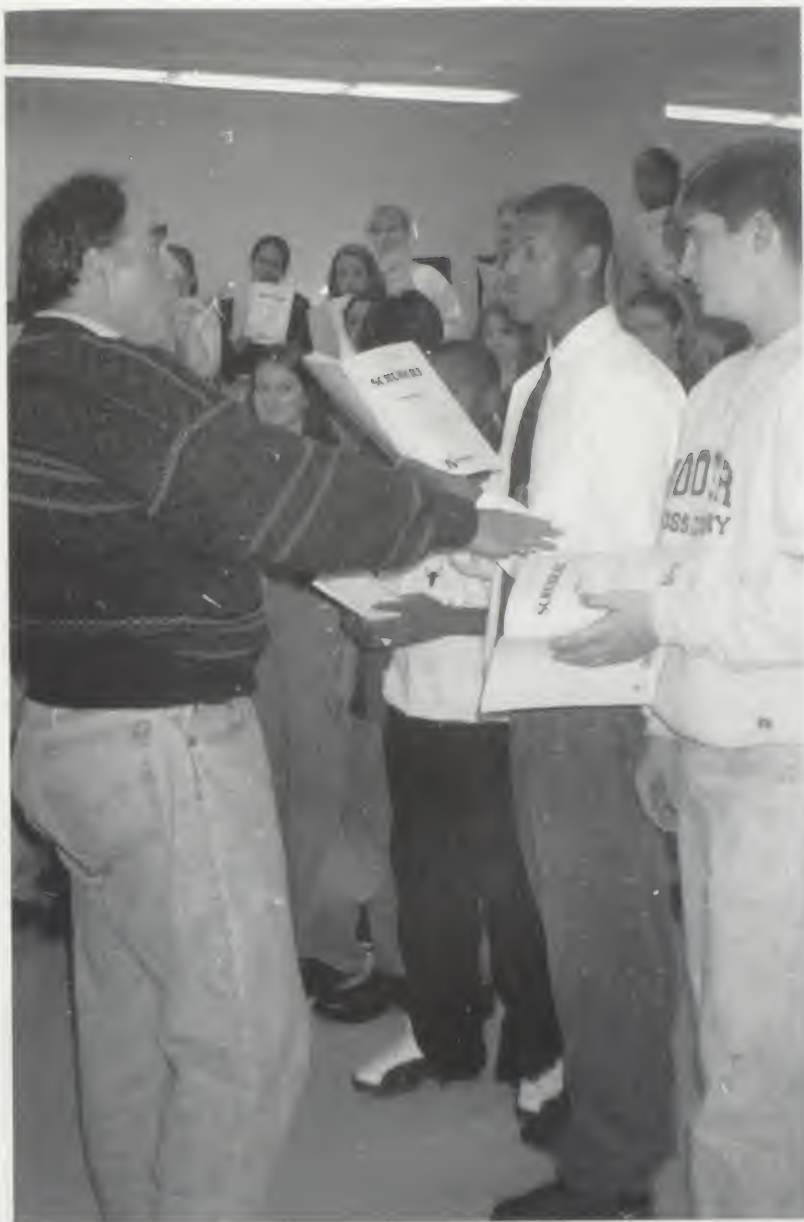


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Colleen Bergman

Senior Alto

"Concert Choir has been one of my favorite classes. Ms. Vanderpool is a great teacher and I have learned a lot from her."



April Burkard

Senior Soprano

"We learned a lot about making beautiful music."

Voices

—Heard—

Every day during second hour, the 60 voices of Hoover's Concert Choir could be heard in the vocal music room.

The students put in more work than one class period, though. The sounds that are heard are the result of private lessons outside of class and the daily hard work of the students, according to choir director, Linda Vanderpool.

They also do fundraisers and participate in many concerts, which require rehearsals outside of class.

"The music we perform at the concerts is technically complex and emotionally fulfilling," said Vanderpool.

They started off the year with the Fall Concert on Oct. 29. One of the songs, "Alleluia", was chosen from the All-State music. Other performances include the Masterworks Concert on Feb. 25, the Drake Invitational on Apr. 26, the State Contest on May 10, and the Awards Concert on May 13.

Junior Phil Snyder said, "Ms. Vanderpool has challenged us with difficult music but we worked as hard as she did to make it a rewarding and exciting year."

Gettin' Advice — Junior Tuffy Jackson gets a little advice from Drake professor James Cox.



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Hoover Concert Choir— front row, Nicole Brown, Angela Sampson, My Le, Veronica Martinez, Levi Robinson, Ben Talcott, Tim Rech, Nicholas Lloyd, Sarah Stanley, Jessica Lovejoy, Nicole Davis; second row, Jasmine Little, Shaya Graves, Theresa Hedrick, Alicia Hymel, Colleen Bergman, Jon Talcott, Praveen Bannikatti, Eric Sharp, Sarah Wilson, Teaondra Gilkey, Jennifer Throckmorton, Precious Carter, Amanda Griffith, Jessica Harris; third row, Renesha Taylor, Amy Kneller, Angela Steward, Melissa Priest, Deven Cole, Jason Danielson, Philip Snyder, Ryan Doughan, Michael Schulz, Jennifer Reed, Lakeshea Whiteside, Ann Marie Hansen, Sommer Stokka; back row, Natalie Smith, Kimberly Clark, Amy Peterson, Wendy Robertson, Tara Taylor, Kathy Kemp, Tuffy Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Mikel Morris, Cissy Kemp, Crystal Billings, April Burkard, Tiffany Camus, Shayla Haynes. Not pictured— Devin Brown, Holly Moeller, Lisa Simpson, Abbey Williams.



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Risin' Up — Members of the soprano section hit the high notes.

Warmin' Up — Concert Choir members take a few minutes before singing to warm up.

CONCERT CHOIR
BY KRISTEN GIBSON

Jazzy —Style—

Harmony, Hoover's jazz choir, had a great year. They received high ratings from judges at competitions and performed at home basketball games, assemblies, and some members sang the national anthem. According to senior Tiffany Camus, they reached their goals. She said, "Our main goal this year was to do our best at Urbandale Competition and to beat Valley, and we did. We received a second place trophy."

In Newton at the State Contest they received a "I", the best rating possible. Junior Jenny Throckmorton said, "I was really happy that we received a "I" at State Contest in Newton, but the most important thing to everyone, I think, was making music."

Junior Mike Schulz made All-State bass. Of the experience, he said, "They say that heaven lasts for eternity, but if it's anything like All-State then it will never be long enough."

A major highlight for the group this year was a trip to New York at the end of May, where they performed at Carnegie Hall. Only ten groups around the U.S, including Hoover, participated.

Junior Abbey Williams said the best thing about Harmony was, "Making new friends, learning new music, excitement before we perform, and having "TONS" of fun."



Hoover Harmony — front row, Tim Rech, Tiffany Camus, Theresa Hedrick; second row, Lakeshea Whiteside, Angela Sampson, Ben Talcott, Michael Schulz; back row, Jason Danielson, Brent Thornburg, Jennifer Throckmorton, Mikel Morris, Eric Sharp. Not pictured — Abbey Williams, Spencer McGinnis, Casey Coppi.



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Keepin' in tune — Harmony members Eric Sharp, Mike Shulz, and Brent Thornburg sing "Back in the USSR" during a fourth period rehearsal.

Practice makes perfect — Harmony girls practice for an upcoming competition.

A point in time — Harmony received a second place trophy at Johnston.

Stylin' — Seniors Tim Rech and Tiffany Camus sing along with juniors Jenny Throckmorton and Lakeshea Whiteside.



Theresa Hedrick

Senior Alto

"Harmony is the best thing that ever happened to me. I love everyone in the group. We go everywhere together and sing at every opportunity. Our trip to New York will be an absolute thrill."



Angela Sampson

Junior Alto

"Harmony has been a great experience. It is like a second family. We all get along and have a lot of fun together, but we also know when it is time to work."



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photo by Kristen Gibson

Heart and Soul — Senior Tiffany Camus sings her best at a basketball game against Dowling on Feb. 7.

Stretchin' it out—Juniors Dana Swanson and Alissa Knoell astonish the crowd with incredible contortions.

Commedia X cast—front row, Alissa Knoell, Emily Boatwright, Emily Audlehelm, Ben Minnis, Eric Sharp, Nate Curl; back row, Steve Whitney, Ann Marie Hansen, Kristin Sokugawa, Sara Tippins, Jason Brommel, and Peter Bognanni. Not pictured, Alex Albright, Tim Nehmer and Dana Swanson.



photo by Kris Sheaffer



photo by Kris Sheaffer

Circus of Laughs

The cast of Commedia X spent most of their rehearsals this year clowning around. Director Denis Hildreth didn't get mad at them, though; it was all part of their circus murder mystery "Over the Big Top; You'll Laugh Till We're Funny!" The performances were held Oct. 3, 4, and 5 in the Hoover auditorium.

Junior Ben Minnis said, "It went really good considering we tried to write out a whole story line which we never did before." In past performances the skits were all linked by a common theme, but never an entire tale.

When the curtains opened the audience saw Mitzi, the circus's elephant, dead. All the circus performers came out shocked to see their big gray friend murdered. Unfortunately, the show had to go on and they had to hide the elephant from the audience. The circus continued with clowns, tightrope walkers, a knife thrower, acrobats and more.

After the show, determined to find Mitzi's killer, the circus performers set out in search of clues. They were puzzled until the killer was found and dressed as substitute pachyderm.

Everything was fine, that is, until they found their beloved fish dead.



Emily Audlehelm
cast member

"My favorite scenes were Tim Chippendale dancing and Dana's and Alissa's flexible legs"



Jeff Hensyel

tech crew

"I laughed so hard that I fell off my chair!"



photo by Kris Sheaffer



photo by Kristen Gibson



Mike Collet
freshman poet

"I enjoyed acting like a beatnik. It was a cool time and cool music. More people should come next year"



Megan Boesen
freshman poet

"You meet some pretty cool cats"

Hidden Talents

Musical abilities and poetry were exhibited at Herbie's Hideaway, which was presented Dec. 18 and Feb. 28 in Room 170.

Herbie's was a chance for students to show off their talents without having to join the band or choir. Russ Vanderhoof heard the recitations of the poets, while Linda Vanderpool listened to the musicians. Then the two groups combined to create the coffeehouse shows. The students had the choice of using works they created themselves or performing the work of other artists.

There were over thirty performers in the coffeehouse, including one faculty member, Erdyne Whiteside, and Hoover Harmony. In the show there were nearly forty sketches and some students participated in more than one.

The show brings out a very artistic side of people according to senior Precious Carter. "Everybody was a star. Talent showed clearly. People wore their hearts on their sleeves, because their music and their poetry is their heart," said Carter.

This year was the third year for the coffeehouse. "I hope to continue doing this as long as I am here," said Vanderhoof about directing Herbie's.

Singin' it solo- Junior Devin Brown does an acappella version of the song "Yesterday."



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In harmony- Sophomore Brent Thornburg and junior Jenny Throckmorton sing a duet of "I Have Dreamed."



photo by Kristen Gibson

Amazing Zucchini Brothers- Junior Ben Minnis and senior Tim Nehmer perform the daring act of turning their Zucchini sister, junior Ann Marie Hansen, around.

Rockin' together- Freshman Ian Miller, junior Spencer McGinnis, and seniors Shayla Haynes and Tiffany Camus perform their own version of the Cranberries' song "Free to Decide."

HERBIE'S HIDEAWAY
BY KRIS SHEAFFER

Producing a —Classic—

This year Hoover High School's drama department presented the classic holiday play "A Christmas Carol"; a play that is done every four years at Hoover. This year the production was directed by Denis Hildreth.

"A Christmas Carol" was performed on Dec. 12, 13, and 14.

The parts of the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come were played by sophomore Eric Sharp, junior Ann Marie Hansen, and senior Jay Brommel, respectively.

The lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge was played by senior Peter Bognanni.

In addition to the numerous special effects employed in the play, the production had the aid of two artists, Julia Lohrman Audlehelm and Martha Jane Alexander. Audlehelm was the set decoration artist and Alexander was responsible for the costumes.

"They devoted so much of their time to the production. We were very lucky to have them," said Hildreth.

Hoover choir members also played the parts of Christmas carollers. Senior Tiffany Camus and juniors Lakeshea Whiteside and Angela Sampson filled the roles of the Christmas Past Singers.

"The turnout was great. Everyone worked really well together. Everyone, the cast and crew, did a fantastic job. We worked really hard on this," Hansen said.



photo by Nga Lam

Seeing ghosts— Ebenezer Scrooge, who was played by senior Peter Bognanni, talks to the apparition of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, played by senior Michael Mandt.

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Making bargains—Senior Kelly Christopher, junior Ryan Baldwin, and junior Nate Curl converse about business matters as freshman Andrew Stoltze enters the scene in "A Christmas Carol".

Blast from past—The Christmas Past singers, played by Sampson, Whiteside, and Camus, watch as the Ghost of Christmas Past, played by Sharp, speaks with Scrooge.

Counting their blessings—Senior Peter Bognanni and junior Ann Marie Hansen look on as Anthony Soike, who played Tiny Tim, mentions the good things in the Cratchits' life.



Ann Marie Hansen

"Drama is a good extracurricular activity for those interested. The play turned out really well and I'm glad people got to see how much hard work went into "A Christmas Carol".



Peter Bognanni

"This was by far the biggest and best production I've ever been in. Rehearsals were a zoo at first but after a few weeks we were really professional and got down to business."

Family time—The Cratchits gather around the dinner table as Mr. Cratchit, played by senior Ryan Dow, serves the meal in "A Christmas Carol".



photo by Nga Lam



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Comforting words—Sophomores Natalie Smith and Jonathon Soike, who played Mrs. Cratchit and Peter Cratchit respectively, exchange a hug in the play "A Christmas Carol".

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY NGA LAM

Presenting a —Musical—

The annual spring play was held on April 24, 25, and 26 in the Hoover High School auditorium. This year the drama department presented the musical "Oliver" by Lionel Bart.

Hoover drama director, Kirk Johnson, directed "Oliver". Linda Vanderpool was the vocal music director. There was also an orchestra for "Oliver", directed by Hoover orchestra director Derek Claussen.

"Oliver" is the story of an orphan of the same name, played by sophomore Olivia Roth. Oliver is sold to a funeral home, but eventually escapes. Out on the streets Oliver meets Dodger, played by sophomore Eric Sharp. Dodger takes Oliver to meet Fagin, played by junior Ben Minnis. Fagin teaches Oliver the tricks of stealing. Oliver is arrested for stealing from his uncle, which was played by freshman Eric Selander. After Nancy, played by junior Ann Marie Hansen, is shot by Bill Sykes, played by senior Alex Albright, Oliver is returned to his uncle.

The cast of "Oliver" included about 70 members. This included students from Woodlawn and Monroe Elementary Schools, Meredith Middle School, and Hoover and North High Schools.

"'Oliver' was a blast to be in. Our set, though it was very complicated, has been one of the best sets I've ever worked with," said sophomore Emily Boatwright.

"'Oliver' was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it," said freshman Emily Neve.



photo by Andrea Kueck

All alone— Oliver, who was played by sophomore Olivia Roth, sings to himself while spending his first night alone in the funeral parlor.



photo by Andrea Kueck



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Get some food—Mrs. Sowerberry, played by senior Precious Carter, tells Charlotte, played by sophomore Emily Audlehelm, to get some food for Oliver.

Let's do this—Mrs. Sowerberry and Mr. Sowerberry, played by freshman Andrew Stoltze, discuss work that Oliver should do at the funeral parlor.

Listen to me!— Mr. Bumble, played by senior Ryan Dow, tells Oliver, played by sophomore Olivia Roth, that he cannot have seconds of his dinner.



Olivia Roth

"Oliver"

"I had a blast being in Oliver. Some people said I made a pretty convincing boy. How do you respond to that...um...thank you."



Ryan Dow

"Mr. Bumble"

"It was one of the most challenging plays I've ever done. It was really hard to sing in front of an audience. Oliver was also one of the best plays I've ever been in. We had a talented cast which made the play fun to be in."

Food, glorious food—The orphans, played by students from Woodlawn, Monroe, and Meredith schools, sing for their dinner.



photo by Andrea Kueck



photo by Andrea Kueck

Some milk please—Widow Corney, played by freshman Emily Neve, asks the milkmaid, played by junior Angela Sampson, for some milk.

OLIVER

BY ANDREA KUECK

Doing the dirty work — Sophomore Eric Sharp takes a break from the drama scene to help move equipment.

Contest Participants — front row, Emily Neve, Megan Boesen, Amanda Kreyling, Emily Audlehelm, Kristin Sokugawa, Nicole Schrader, Kourtney Horner, Amanda Bolte; second row, Ngoc Phan, Ann Marie Hansen, Olivia Roth, Lyssa Dusenberry, Precious Carter, Emily Boatwright, Ben Minnis, Eric Sharp; third row, Josh Dreyer, Steve Whitney, John Audlehelm, Peter Boganni, Ryan Dow, Andrew Johnson, Jeff Hensyel, Emily Doro.



photo by Mullica



photo by Steve Whitney

Acts of

-Drama-

On Feb. 8, 1997, Hoover drama students headed out to Council Bluffs for the Iowa High School Speech Association Large Group Contest.

Instructors Denis Hildreth and Kirk Johnson placed students into categories based on their performance at auditions. Those categories were solo mime, group mime, ensemble acting, one act play, improvisation, reader's theatre and choral reading.

The students performed for a panel of three judges. These judges then gave the actor/actress a rating of "I", "II", "III", or "IV", depending on their performance.

The contest is set up into three levels, district, state and All-State. Students who scored "I" ratings at the district competitions then moved on to the state competition level. At the state level, judges chose the best performers out of participants from all across Iowa and gave them ratings above the "I" level. Those who reached this point were advanced on to All-State. Once at state, the best from every category is named, while medals and trophies are awarded to others.

Sophomore Emily Boatwright said, "The competition was a lot of fun and you really get the chance to get close to the people in the group."



Eric Sharp
Sophomore

"We've had an excellent group of competitors this year, and it was a lot of fun."



Steve Whitney
Senior

"This contest was the most mentally straining, difficult, stressful and confusing time of my high school career. And I loved it."



photo by Steve Whitney



photo by Kris Sheaffer



Matt Boudewyns

Play Production

"I've never had so much fun in my life!"



Sarah Stanley

Tech Crew

"The best things about tech crew were the fun we had building and the water fights that never happened"

Behind the —Scenes—

They don't get standing ovations, but without play production class and tech crew none of Hoover's performances could take place. They are the people who build the sets, make set changes in between acts and run all the behind the scenes aspects of the show. Play production was a class held seventh period which was instructed by Russ Vanderhoef first semester and Kirk Johnson second semester. Tech crew, led by Denis Hildreth, controls the lights and sounds during the drama productions.

Their two main projects for the year were "The Christmas Carol" and "Oliver!" They also built sets for some smaller productions including Commedia X and drama contest. The sets for the plays were built from scratch and some were even original student designs. The tech crew prepared the lights and sound according to each separate production's needs. Also, as a part of their duties, they controlled the curtains, made set changes and helped remove the sets after the last show of each production.

The activities of the crew and the production class accent the performances done by the cast. When they've done their jobs well, the acting, sets and effects can come together to make a great show.

Smoothin' it out—Sophomore Melissa Wahlert sands the edges of a piece of wood to keep it from getting splinters.



photo by Kris Sheaffer

Finishing touches—Sophomore Shane Peer observes freshman Trista Baccam's technique as she applies another coat of paint to one of the props used in Drama Contest.



photo by Kris Sheaffer

A silent performance—Freshman Emily Neve practices her mime act before the contest at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Drillin' through—Freshman Brian Erickson and senior Mark Stanger work together on their assignment for first semester finals.

Playing

IMANI

The 1996-97 Imani Players had a full year. Both the Imani Gospel Choir and the Imani Players kept busy throughout the year teaching Hoover students the meaning of Kwanzaa, the life and times of Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X, and sharing their hearts and joys through singing gospel.

The Imani Gospel Choir, led by Damion Erwin, performed many times throughout the year. Their first performance was on Oct. 24; the gospel choir performed at "The Kwanzaa Story," the Imani's first play of the year. Their next performance was on Nov. 3, at the Unity Festival in downtown Des Moines. The choir ended the semester singing at various events at schools and churches throughout the community.

The Imani Players' first play, entitled "The Kwanzaa Story," told the meaning of Kwanzaa and why and how it is celebrated. Director Mary Ann Spicer's two African American history classes performed the play, which consisted of mostly underclassmen.

Next, the Imanis put on a production of a play entitled "Have You Seen My Friend Martin," on Jan. 13. The play was performed by Spicer's Imani Theatre class, acting out a scene where Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X meet and hold a dynamic and insightful conversation. The play ended with a powerful song, "Happy Birthday, Martin," by Stevie Wonder, sung by Angela Steward.

To end the year, the Imani's final play, "For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Was Envy, Meet Black Boys Who Considered Homicide When The Streets Were Neon," was performed on April 30. It told of how girls dream of something beyond what they have, because of their want for acceptance. The message is what they are really searching for is already there, they just have to accept themselves to find it. The boys, on the other hand, are struggling with the evil on the streets and they must also learn to accept themselves and respect themselves before they can release their anger.

"This year went really well. It was neat to see the underclass students grow under the lights as flowers do under the sun. They bloomed and came into the light, into confidence," said Spicer.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Missy Priest



photo by Missy Priest

Hittin' that pose—Sophomore Shonethia Covington and freshmen Shanetha Smith, Lily Bradley, and Nyesha Brown practice freeze framing for their upcoming play "Colored Girls."

Practicin' their lines—Sophomore Kenny Mason as Malcolm X, and senior Charles Sutton as Martin Luther King, Jr., practice a scene from the play "Have You Seen My Friend Martin."

Playing it up—Junior Quinton James, freshman Nyesha Brown, senior Raven Lane, freshman Chantoria Young, and junior William Carter perform Oct. 24 at "The Kwanzaa Story."



Joe Ashby
Freshman Imani

"I really liked being a part of Imani Theatre because I feel more comfortable with people of the same ethnicity. Being in Imani has also helped me to know who I am and who I want to be."



Angela Steward
Junior Imani

"Imani Theatre was a great experience. It introduced me to a lot of new people. I have new friends, some Bosnian and some Hispanic. It has given me a lot of new experiences which is what we all need every once in a while."

Eatin' it up—Senior Andrew Jackman "gets his grub on" at the diversity lunch April 11. The Imani Players and other cultural groups performed and put on many activities for Diversity Week.



photo by Kelly Christopher



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Imani Players—front row; Jackie Johnson, Nyesha Brown, Angela Steward, Kelly Christopher, Charles Sutton, Joseph Ashby; second row, Shanetha Smith, Wendy Robinson, Shonethia Covington, Stephany Wells, Precious Carter, Paul Scott; back row, Amanda Butts, Asha Hall, Jameel Richardson, Matt Griffis, Kenny Mason, Lily Bradley, Anthony Ziegler.

Smilin' faces— Seniors Alex Albright and Erin Husmann help out at parent/teacher conferences.

Peer Helpers— front row, Jan Callan Mashek, Tricia Van Zee, Stephanie Hill, Michalle Hirsch, Kristen Gibson, Traci Skinner, Tonya Halsted, Kari Behn, Cindy Gronert, Nate Curl, Bridget Evans, Brenda Bass; second row, Erica Hanlon, Sara Carlson, Jenny Welter, Erin Husmann, April Taylor, Yecenia Aguayo, Sue Peterson, Sarah Anderson, Matilde Flores, Laura Breeher, Shayla Haynes, Antonia Lechuga, Talia Burnett; third row, John Audlehelm, Ryan Doughan, Kirsten Knox, Andrea Kueck, Nga Lam, Jenny Reed, Candy Mason, Amie Hedrick, Kourtney Horner, Justin Griffis, Keith Small, Kelly Christopher, Adam Johnson, Eboniece Cason.



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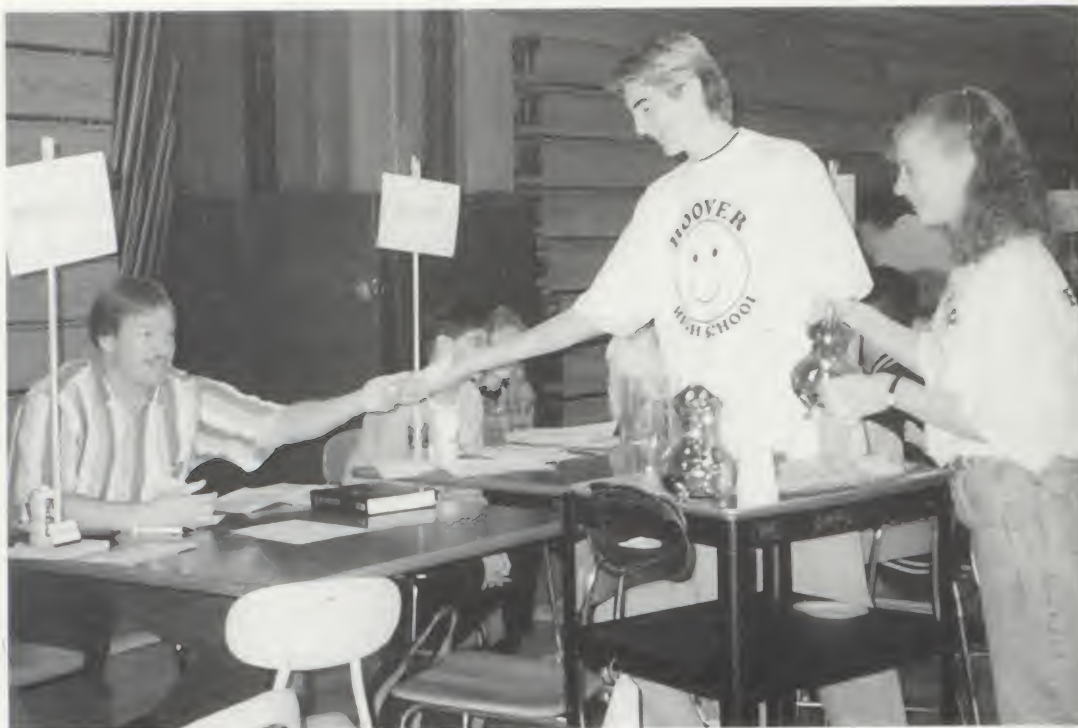


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Helping Peers

Peer Helpers is an organized group of students in grades 10 to 12, who help with various tasks in school. The group of Peer Helpers welcomes students, hosts conferences, goes out in the community to help other people, and acts as advocates and role models.

This year Peer Helpers have helped the community by participating in Rock and Prevention with Pat McManus for grade schools. They have collected clothes and toys for Mercy House and Nazareth House. They also helped at parent/teacher conferences and helped anyone who was having difficulty in a certain subject by offering tutoring.

"Hoover High Peer Helpers exemplify quality youth reaching out to help others," said Jan Callan Mashek, Peer Helpers leader.

Sophomore Michalle Hirsch said, "Being a Peer Helper enabled me to become active in many volunteer activities. I also gained leadership and team-working skills. My favorite activities this year were the freshmen orientation, the fall training, and conferences. Overall, being a Peer Helper was a blast."



Jenny Bennett
Junior Peer Helper

"I enjoyed helping Pat McManus and working with the kids at the elementary schools."



Holly Canine
Junior Peer Helper

"Being a Peer Helper is fun because you get to volunteer your time to fun stuff."



photo by Jan Callan Mashek



photo by Kelly Karsten



Tiffany Frazier

Junior Manager

"I think everyone should become a conflict manager because it teaches you how to solve your own conflicts and other's."



Steve Rude

Freshman Manager

"I enjoyed the experience from being a junior high conflict manager to high school manager."

Managing Conflicts

Conflict Management is a very dedicated problem solving technique that some students at Hoover are involved in. The Conflict Managers focus on helping kids solve problems. To be a Conflict Manager you have to be able to keep confidences, be a good listener, be trustworthy, and be able to keep calm.

This year has been eventful. They had updated training for existing Conflict Managers at Camp Dodge and at that time the group got to learn how to solve conflict in large groups. This was held on Oct. 23 and 24.

The Conflict Managers had an activity for seniors in the spring and the annual breakfast at the end of the year.

"There's nothing more satisfying than seeing students and staff show their commitment to peaceful means of solving problems by using Conflict Managers," said Barb Getting.

This year Conflict Managers had tried a new process by writing out passes at the beginning of the year so that whenever Principal Bill McCollaugh needed them they would leave class. McCollaugh said he views youth as very skillful and they can help people understand conflict and resolve them and that is why he wants them accessible to him anytime.

Helping Out— Senior Erin Husmann helps out senior Precious Carter in a Conflict Manager's exercise.



photo by Kelly Karsten

Lendin' a Hand— Junior Tiffany Oakley helps kids at Woodlawn Elementary School.

Exchange of info— Conflict Manager instructor Barb Getting gives out information to senior Lori Thomas.



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Conflict Managers— front row, Tiffany Frazier, Falisha Platt, Abby Foster, Nga Lam, Loan Pham, Bridget Evans, Precious Carter; second row, Shonethia Covington, Holly Canine, Jenny Bennett, Maggie Beavers, Katie Gross, Steve Rude, Judith Quinones; third row, instructors Beth Eilers and Barb Getting, Rudy Farley, Vinh Nguyen, Jemon Spivey, Eric Kintner, Rex Tredway. Not Pictured— Chris Anderson, Tom Berger, Tracie Boals, Charles Bradley, Katherine Buckley, Phillip Cavan, Brian Clark, Nicole Ertmann, Stratton George, Justin Griffiths, Khean Ho, Erin Husmann, Scott Johnson, Kelly Karsten, Duong Lam, Candy Mason, Tiffany Oakley, Keith Small, Crystal Smith, Lori Thomas, Reggie Williams, Geri Williams.

CONFLICT MANAGERS

BY KELLY KARSTEN

Taking Honors

This past year, the National Honor Society made several changes. Most notable was the retirement of former advisor Billie Stone, and the acquisition of new advisor Kirsten Anneberg. Anneberg is a new foreign language teacher who volunteered to take over duties of NHS advisor. Anneberg brought with her a fresh, new outlook for NHS activities.

A major activity for NHS this year was the Festival of Trees, held at the Des Moines Convention Center from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3. Members of NHS volunteered to help at the festival doing a variety of services. These included working with children, working in the concession areas, and dressing up as fantasy characters to please the crowd.

In addition to the Festival of Trees, NHS organized and helped carry out plans for Make a Difference Day on Oct. 26. Work began at 7:30 a.m., and consisted of planting trees and cleaning up the Hoover premises. In the end, 26 new trees were planted in front of and around McGrane Stadium, and flowers were planted at both Hoover and Meredith.

First-semester president Jon Talcott said, "This year was a good example of the potential of NHS. Hopefully, the program will continue to grow in the right direction."



photo by Mullica

National Honor Society — front row: Kelly Nelson, Katie Gross, My Le, Dan Parker, April Taylor, Amy Kneller, Terri Bradley, Praveen Bannakatti, Jon Talcott, Kristen Langstraat, Andrea Kueck, Kirsten Knox, Cindy Gronert, Erica Hanlon. second row: David Rude, Mary Mefferd, Patricia VanZee, Brenda Bass, Amanda Camp, April Burkard, Angela Sampson, Theresa Hedrick, Amanda Jones, Candy Mason, Nga Lam, Kari Behn, Christina Patramanis, Todd Strum, Tom Stehl, Allison Musser. third row: Amy Petersen, Maggie Beavers, Tara Taylor, Karen Lueder, Dawn Spiller, Yecenia Aguayo, My Linh Phan, Ryan Doughan, Erin Husmann, John Audlehelm, Ben Minnis, Kris Sheaffer, Kristina Selander, Jason Cowden, Jamie Beard, Sarah Hinchliff. back row: T.J. Welton, Jason Danielson, David Buckley, Kelly Christopher, Mike Mefferd, Ann Marie Hansen, Ut Le, Samantha Johnson, Jacob Brott, Ryan Dow, Sara Carlson, Lindsay Lawson, Matt Anderson, Jeff Hopp, Peter Bognanni, Julian Guthrie, Justin Song, Andrew Farley.



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Captivated — Senior Matt Anderson listens attentively in the auditorium during a National Honor Society meeting.

Taking a break — Junior Rob Clark reaches up to senior John Audlehelm during their rest time.

Just chillin' — Senior Theresa Hedrick talks to juniors Sara Carlson, Angela Sampson and Holly Stillwell while junior Ben Minnis looks on.

Diggin' in the dirt — Seniors John Audlehelm and Jon Talcott put their strength to the test while helping to plant trees.



Loan Pham

Member

"There was a lot for us to do in NHS this year. It was great to see the new members participating. The cabinet did a good job when they actually communicated. The new officers look like a good bunch of leaders."



Kelly Nelson

Spring President

"I'm really glad I got the chance to lead such a great group of individuals. Although our activities were limited this year, the ones we did participate in helped the community a lot, which is our goal. I love a parade."



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photo by Brad Steffen

Hand it over — Junior NHS President Kelly Nelson starts a sign-up sheet for an upcoming activity during a meeting held before school on Mar. 4.

NHS

BY BRAD STEFFEN

Takin' it to the Top

Hoover ROTC is still going strong after 11 years. The ROTC program involves nine schools-- East, Hoover, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Johnston, Valley, Urbandale, North Polk, and Southeast Polk.

ROTC conducts over 75 colorguards per year at sports events and school activities. Besides school-based activities, the Hoover ROTC department is involved in the community. Sgt. Lee Wahlert said he was proud of the time and effort the cadets put into their projects. The community service projects that ROTC participated in this year included: the Hunger Hike, Operation Santa Claus, Special Olympics, Combat Hunger, two blood drives, a bowl-a-thon, the March of Dimes, and raising \$1,200 for muscular dystrophy.

The ROTC program included more than 200 cadets. Besides the school ceremonies, the program also maintains competitive groups. They have an outdoor-based active raiders team who build rope bridges, go rappelling and go through compass courses. They also have an active air rifle team which went down to Camp Dodge twice a week to practice firing.

ROTC's year ended with a Camp Dodge weekend and ball. The final activity for ROTC was the May 16 Awards Ceremony, which commended deserving cadets from different organizations.



Hoover ROTC—front row, Mike McCauglin, Major Martinez, Sarah Ellis, Aaron Peden, Andrew Rowland, Msg. Joe Chargualaf, Msg. Lee Wahlert; front row, Jeff Boon, Renata Merrifield, Melissa Wahlert, Melissa Shoop, Alyssa Osberg, Candace Sanchez, Martha Valdez, Veronica Martinez, Maria Valdez, Diane Long, Holly Hill, Tracy Ates, Ben Ford, Sarah Berry, Susan Musin, Ted Echerman, Spencer Sweeny, Hahn Vo, Christine Frost, Amanda Bradley, Sherwinter Harper; second row, James Foley, Jason Abendroth, J.D. Gahman, Chris Kiefer, Josh Andrews, Kirk Wisecup, J.B. Moore, Scott Berry, Scott Foresman, John Coasbie, Paul Scott, Cory Curtis, Donny Daughenbaugh, Tom Lamay, Nwandu Bell, Jason Kramersmeier, Justin Hadsall, Kate Dow, Christina Radda, Sarah Hone, David Jones, Brian Martin; back row, Brandon Vaughn, Allan McNew, Jason Cowden, Matt Schonhorst, Andrew Johnson, Jeff Thompson, Robert Cinamon, Travis Valley, Mark Moore, Frank Ballard, Michael Mandt, Dan Whitten, Brian Sharp, Shane Defenbaugh, Keith Tilton, Shannon Vick, Michelle Bailey, Jon Scholten, Scott Simpson, Allison Megan.





Hangin' around— Freshman Kishma Mangra repels at Camp Dodge.

At the top— Lincoln student Donny Daufenbaugh shows how to repel.



**Sarah
Ellis**

Cadet LTC

"ROTC was eventful. We had fun changing from a company to a battalion."



Up close and personal— Student Dan Whitten gets a close up look at the helicopter that landed at Hoover's football field on Oct. 16.



**Melissa
Wahlert**

ROTC member

"ROTC means dedication to a program that provides leadership, friends, fun and opportunities"



Leadin' the way with pride—the colorguard, Andrew Johnson, Michelle Bailey, Sarah Ellis, Michael Mandt, Shannon Vick, Christine Frost, Kishma Mangra, and Jason Kramersmeier, prepare for a parade.

Everybody gather around—Hoover students gather around for a better look at a helicopter that landed at Hoover's football field.

ROTC

BY EMILY BOATWRIGHT

MINI MAG

What was going on in 96-97

Who won the '96 elections? Who traveled 45.5 million miles in space? Possibly, in five or ten years, we might find ourselves sitting down and recalling what happened back in 1996. Today we say things like "Remember the Flood of '93?" or "Do you remember the ice storm in 1990?" Perhaps when we look back we might remember things like the Olympic bombing, the crash of TWA, or the elections. Perhaps we will recall the years "fads" like the Macarena or maybe we will remember the more entertaining things of the year like our favorite TV shows, actors, and songs. The Mini Mag is

here to help us remember it all.

For example, November 7, 1996 was Election day. All those 18 and older and registered to vote had the opportunity to do so. People headed to the polls to vote for the candidates they wanted. In the end Bill Clinton beat Bob Dole, allowing him another four years in the White House as President. However, registered voters were not the only people getting involved in the elections. Many Hoover students helped out at campaign headquarters.

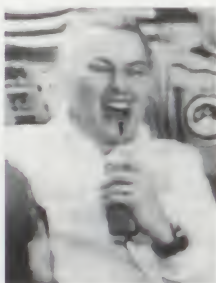
When asked what he thought about the elections, government teacher Steve Koch said, "The three government teachers were extremely pleased about the participation given by Hoover students in the elections. Many of our students spent outside time campaigning for a

particular candidate or political party. By doing so this led to greater participation in class discussion about the election process."

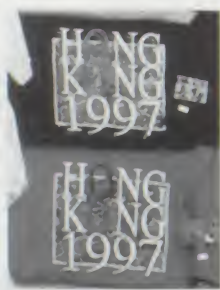
Elections were not the only thing to catch the attention of Hoover students, when TCI took MTV off the air in Iowa many people voiced their complaints at rallies, on petitions, and at the city council meetings. Senior Steve Whitney, who spoke at a city council meeting in order to support MTV, said "The MTV issue strongly displayed how businesses abuse their corporate power, that is why I spoke up for other people in my generation." MTV returned to Iowa television in the beginning of March. The 1996-97 school year had many events and the Mini Mag helps us remember them all.

DID YOU KNOW...

Shannon Lucid at age 53 holds the record for most consecutive days in orbit, beating Russian cosmonaut Elena Kondakova. Lucid spent 188 consecutive days in orbit. As a shuttle astronaut, she has spent 223 days in orbit since 1995, which makes her the United States' most experienced astronaut. Lucid will also enter the history books for most hours logged on. Lucid has traveled a total of 45.5 million miles since becoming an astronaut.



Hong Kong had been under democratic rule for 100 years. On July 1, 1997 that all changed. Hong Kong, which had been ruled by Great Britain since 1897, changed hands on July 1 and became a Special Administrative Region of People's Republic of China. The island of Hong Kong had been under British jurisdiction and administrative rule but is now under communistic rule. After 100 years Hong Kong went from a democratic government to a communist government all in one day.





Another Four Years! — President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were re-elected after the 1996 presidential election.



Tickin' away— A pipe bomb filled with nails killed one person instantly and caused another to die of a heart attack. The bomb exploded during the Olympics.



A family portrait—President Bill Clinton started his second term as President of the United States in January. Clinton is the 42nd President.



The last stretch— The Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI. Desmond Howard had the longest kick off in Super Bowl history.



The Republican Party — Bob Dole ran in the Presidential election. Dole's running partner was Jack Kemp.

The First Lady — Hillary Rodham Clinton took an active role in her husband's first four years as president.



I did it—Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House, was fined by the House of Representatives for bringing discredit on the House.

MINI MAG

BY ALLISON MUSSER

ENTERTAINMENT

FROM MUSIC GROUPS TO MOVIE STARS - WHAT ENTERTAINED

US IN 96-97

From piling into the theater to watch our favorite actors to getting trampled at the concert of our favorite music groups, countless celebrities have entertained us during the 1996-97 school year.

Some of our favorite actors and actresses entertained us in the year's hit movies- like Tom Cruise in "Jerry Maguire", Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes in "Romeo and Juliet", Val Kilmer in "The Saint", and Tom Hanks, who directed and starred in "That Thing You Do!" Another big hit was "The English Patient" which

picked up nine Oscars.

Along with entertaining us, a few also surprised us. Madonna had a baby this year and Michael Jackson also became a father. Ellen DeGeneres declared to the public that she was homosexual.

We were wowed in the theaters this year as the "Star Wars" trilogy was re-released in the theaters for its 20th anniversary. Each part of the trilogy was made better by new technology. Footage was added and the film itself was cleaned up.

Many singers and bands had hits this year like Jewel, Oasis, The Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and the Blowfish, Celine Dion, Alanis Morissette,

AND THE WINNER

Is...



Best Actor	Geoffery Rush (Shine)
Best Supporting Actor	Cuba Gooding, Jr. (Jerry Maguire)
Best Actress	Frances McDormand (Fargo)
Best Supporting Actress	Juliette Binoche (The English Patient)
Best Picture	The English Patient
Best Directing	The English Patient
Best Costume Design	The English Patient
Best Art Direction	The English Patient
Best Cinematography	The English Patient
Best Film Editing	The English Patient
Best Original Dramatic Score	The English Patient
Best Sound	The English Patient
Best Original Song	Evita
Best Visual Effects	Independence Day
Best Makeup	The Nutty Professor

Fugees, R. Kelly, No Doubt, and Shania Twain.

Finally, we were also entertained just sitting in our living rooms while our television sets were tuned into the popular shows like "ER", "Friends", "Profiler", "Touched By An Angel", "The X-Files", "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show".





Jewel—This 22-year-old's first album "Pieces of You" was a huge success.

WHAT IT COST You ...

In the Vending Machine

Bag of chips	\$.45
Can of pop	\$.65
Candy bar	\$.60
Pack of gum	\$.45

Other Stuff

School lunch	\$1.60
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McDonalds

Value Meal #6	\$2.99
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Kraft Macaroni

& Cheese	\$.86
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Movie ticket	\$6.00
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Sales Tax	5%
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Minimum Wage	\$4.75
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Disp. Camera

(15 exp.)	\$4.99
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Tony's Pizza	\$1.50
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This Yearbook

total	\$20,000
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you paid	\$35.00
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Six Pack of

Bud Ice	\$4.09
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Gallon of gas	\$1.14
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Gallon of milk	\$2.33
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Hootie and the Blowfish—The band's lead singer is Darius Rucker.

Canadian born— Singer Celine Dion is a huge hit in the U.S.

MINI-MAG

BY ALLISON MUSSER

ALL THE RAGE

FROM FUN FINGERNAIL POLISH TO BODY PIERCING: THE THINGS WE WENT CRAZY OVER DURING 96-97

Shaped by the world around them and the people who endorse them, styles come and go just as fast as summer vacation. Everyone has their own personal style but certain ones, in general, seem to sweep the population in a frenzy. This year masses of people did the Macarena, painted their fingernails an assortment of colors, went through the bottled water craze, pierced their bodies, and stood out in bold colors like lime green and orange.

Hoover sports a variety of fads and fashion statements. In the halls you see looks like the "preppy" look, the "western" style, "grunge", "hippie", and more. Some people combine looks or take off from a certain look. Some people have a look all their own.

WHAT YOU THOUGHT...

About Fads and Fashion

"Recently, bright colors have been the fad, colors like orange, lime green, lavender, and baby blue."

— senior Amy Kneller

"I don't think there is one big fad, people just wear what is comfortable."

— junior Chrissy Burner

"Fads at Hoover show that our population is diverse."

— junior Amanda Griffith

"I don't care as long as it's Hilfiger or Polo"

— sophomore Larry Heuermann

"Baggy jeans are in, bright colors, and tanning year round."

— sophomore Jenny Reed

"Fads at Hoover are a lot calmer than at other schools. Not very many people carry them to the extreme."

— freshman Diana Deskin

mals. The craze was so successful that Ty produced a special edition of "Teenie Beanie Babies" for the Happy Meal at McDonalds.

Whether you are a trend setter, follower, or total individual with your own personal style, you couldn't help but notice the fads of 1996-97. Some were total bombs and others were *all the rage*.

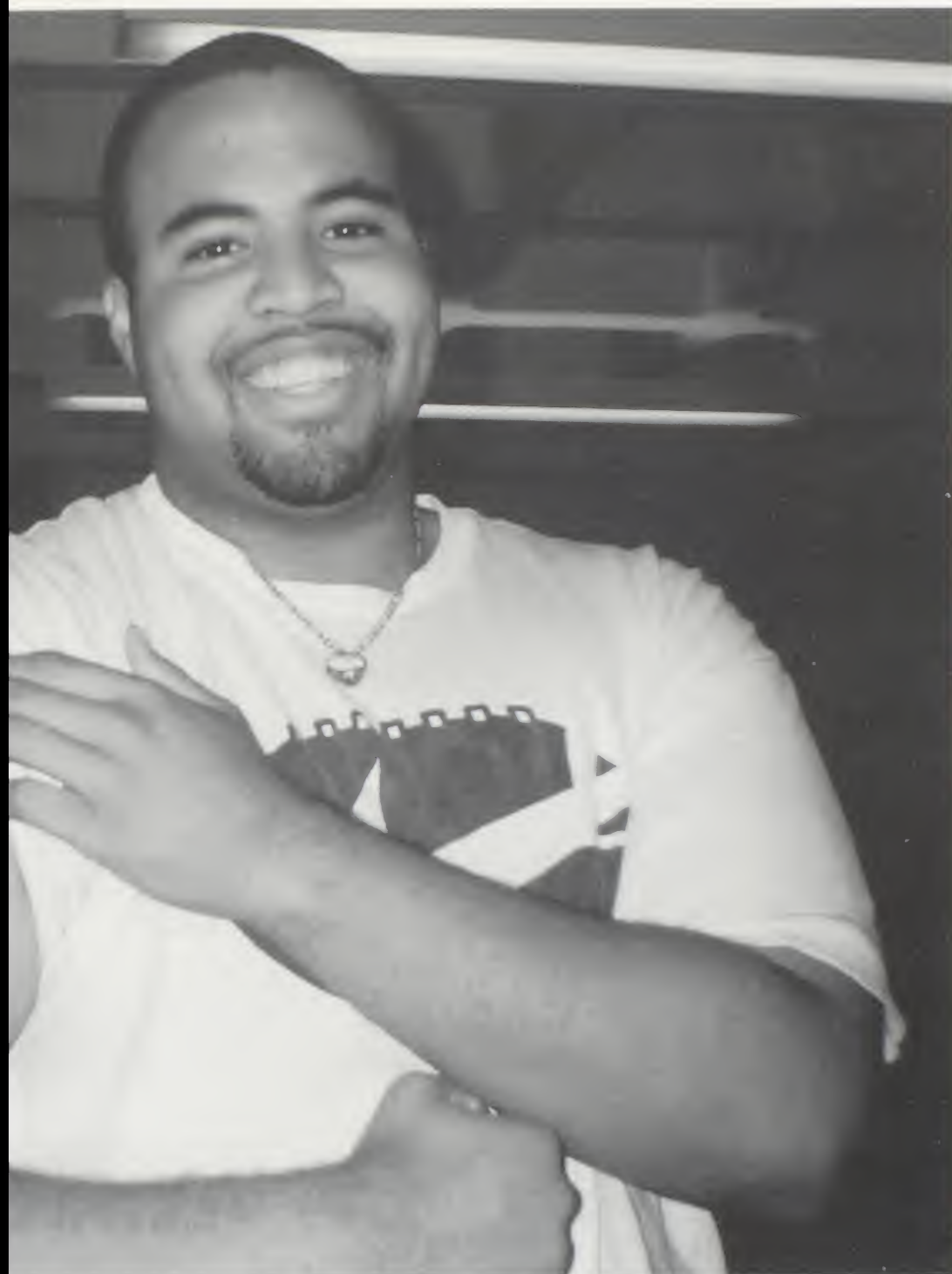
Clothes aren't the only kinds of fads that grab the attention of people. Body piercing and tattoos also hit the scene. This fad was termed a way of "self expression".

The female part of the population became interested in a variety of different shades of fingernail polish, body glitter, and "natural" makeup.

"The Macarena" had the nation dancing to pop music and swiveling their hips. Anyone and everyone could participate in this dance craze due to the simplicity of "The Macarena" itself. Towards the end of the school year a new dance took over, though not as big as "The Macarena", called "Da Dip".

"Beanie Babies", or small plush toys stuffed with small beans, hit the market at the beginning of the year and captured the hearts of many. The small toys, produced by Ty, were about as big as the Cabbage Patch Kids years before. The toys came in different sizes, colors, and ani-





Showin' teeth— Senior Mat Griffis shows off his bulldog tattoo, yet another fad of the year.

Fashion



photo by Emily Audlehelm

In the halls of Hoover "style" is very different. Senior Precious Carter, freshman Anisha Bryant, and junior Jessica Jolly show three of the fashion trends at Hoover. The styles include 'casual' and 'hippy' looks.



photo by Emily Audlehelm

The guys at Hoover also have their own style. Freshman Chris Burkard is wearing a 'casual' look. Freshmen Justin Carr and Duffy Marifield choose to wear 'athletic' and 'alternative' looks.



photo by Allison Musser



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It's a nail thing— Five female Hoover students participate in one of the years fads.

Body Piercing— Senior Julian Guthrie has both his nose and lip pierced.

Fads

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BY ALLISON MUSSER

SPORTIN' THEIR PRIDE

Being an athlete is more than belonging to a group or club; it takes talent, determination, and the will to succeed. It teaches us how to handle defeat and also the feeling of pride when we do succeed. Being a Husky is more than achieving goals and striving for first, it means representing Hoover and showing that "Husky Pride."

Showing that pride was not a difficult task, for the team work and improvements made throughout the year gave the Hoover students reason to be "Sportin' Their Pride."

The varsity football team improved greatly by the end of the year and won more games this season than the past two. Hoover basketball also had many achievements. The varsity girls had a good season with a record of 7-12 and the varsity boys had a record of 13-8. The young team, consisting of eleven juniors and two sophomores gave the student body reason to share their pride. Boys' golf also had a good season placing second in the City Tournament and boys' cross country sent Mike Ostreko to state to strut his stuff and to show that "Husky Pride."

All the teams and athletes at Hoover seemed to carry the "Husky Pride," and the cheerleaders and spirited fans brought about support and gave reason to be "Sportin' Their Pride."





photo by Missy Priest



photo by Karen Lueder

Running the ball—Junior Justin Song runs the ball against East on Sept. 28.

Jumpin' on up—Junior Amy Petersen goes for the rebound against North on Jan. 17.

SPORTS DIVIDER

BY MISSY PRIEST

BREAKIN' THE RECORDS

The 1996 varsity football team finished the season with a 2-9 record. The Huskies' first win of the season was Sept. 28, against East, and it broke a 14-game losing streak that was carried over from the past two seasons. Hoover's second win was on Oct. 18, against North. After the score soared to 45-0, Hoover coach Max Duvall decided to put in over half the sophomore team to "show what they could do," Duvall said. The sophomores proved that Hoover football will be strong next year, holding the win for the Huskies.

Quarterback, senior Chance Hulten, who was voted Most Valuable Offensive Player, finished the season the leading passer in the conference, and in Hoover's history, throwing 1,180 yards, averaging 131 yards per game.

Scott Johnson, working double shifts for the Huskies, as he played wide-receiver and

kicker, made first team All-Conference by a unanimous vote, and became the second all-time longest punter in Hoover's history with a 67-yard punt, just one-half yard short of the record. Johnson made 16 points and had 294 yards receiving to help out Hoover's offense.

Wide-receiver, senior Kelly Christopher, made first team All-Conference, had 526 yards receiving, averaging 24 yards a reception, and was the second all-time receiver in yards in Hoover's history, with his two longest runs being 68 yards and 91 yards. Christopher also had a total of seven touchdowns, scoring more than any other player for Hoover.

"The Hoover football season was a successful one and the next few seasons are looking good with the strong juniors and sophomores coming up," said Coach Jason Soliday.

Runnin' it in—Senior Kelly Christopher runs in a touchdown against East on Sept. 28.

Bringin' it in—The Huskies bring it in after their first win of the season on Sept. 28.



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Leading the Pack

Tim Rech



"It was a great season for me and for the team at times. I'll miss playing football with all of them, but I'll still see some of them when we're off at college."

Kelly Christopher



"We've had a lot of improvements this year, people stepped it up in many positions and showed they were ready to play. We came together even though there was little support from the student body."

Varsity Football

2-9

<u>Hoover</u>			<u>Opponent</u>		
7	Mason City	26	19	Roosevelt	63
0	Dowling	42	17	Urbandale	57
12	Lincoln	27	45	North	26
13	Indianola	35	36	SE Polk	13
27	East	20			



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Varsity football—front row, Craig Clark, Tim Rech, Adam McNeeley, Justin Song, Jeremy Dingman, Keith Collier; second row, Lauris Rostoks, manager Precious Carter, S. Trainer Missy Priest, coaches-Jason Soliday, Max Duvall, and Dan Jones, managers-Nick Folk, Jessica Moeller, and Jessica Cameron, Mike Amos; third row, Ben Carter, Tom Berger, Jeremy Jorgenson, Matt Broich, Nick Miller, Charles Bradley, Rudy Farley; fourth row, Brad Wallace, Chance Hulten, Jeff Hopp, Harry Stanley, Chris Wells, Kelly Christopher, Robert Levy, Devin Brown; back row, Grant Noah, Chris Moore, David Juskelis, Kris Greenlee, Scott Johnson, Charlie Baumert, Ryan Kramer, Mat Griffis. Not pictured, S. Trainer Amanda Camp.

Throwin' it all—Senior Chance Hulten throws a pass against Urbandale on Oct. 11.

Varsity Football

BY MISSY PRIEST

B RINGIN' IT IN

The sophomore football team finished the season with a 3-6 record overall and finished 3-1 in the city, leaving them Co-City Champions. "Being city champs is a step in the right direction for Hoover football and our next few years," third-year coach Brian Tate said.

Sophomore offense voted Tyree Lewis as offensive player for the season. Lewis had a total of 1,687 yards rushing and made 14 touchdowns for the Huskies.

Bo Leonard worked a double shift for the sophomore team playing wide-receiver and also kicker. Leonard was voted most valuable player and had a total of 674 yards receiving. He also had seven touchdowns and two field goals each over 30 yards.

Defense was led by Leonard, Mike

Murphy, Brad Gibson, who was defensive player for the season, Sammy Song, who won for leadership, and also Pat Stolki, who was voted best lineman.

The sophomore wins against Lincoln, East, and North, had many highlights. In the Lincoln game Sept. 13, Tyree Lewis had 17 carries and five touchdowns to bring around Hoover's first win of the season. In the East game, Sept. 28, Hoover's defense came in strong holding the Scarlets to under 100 yards total on offense. Hoover's final victory against North on Oct. 18 was led by Mike Fong and Bo Leonard who combined for 160 yards (passing/receiving). Lewis helped again with a total of 220 yards rushing, as this game brought them to the City Championship.

Callin' it out—Mike Fong calls out a play waiting for the ball.



photo by Ray Lewis

Kickin' it in—Bo Leonard kicks a punt after a Hoover touchdown against East.



photo by Ray Lewis

Sophomore Football 3-9

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent	
18	Mason City	28	12 Roosevelt	21
6	Dowling	42	11 Urbandale	41
34	Lincoln	14	48 North	14
16	Indianola	22	8 SE Polk	32
50	East	0		



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Sophomore football—front row, John Martin, Andy Ginn, Mike Murphy, C.J. Frazier, Jeff Muleya, Justin Leitch; second row, Pat Stolki, Ben Profit, managers-Jessica Lovejoy, Michelle McCoy, coaches-Adam Hulten, Brian Tate, and Chet Culver, managers-Holly Moeller, Lindsay Kelly, Geni Stanley, Eric Thilavong; third row, Brad Gibson, Jeff Wheeler, Jerome Miller, Jerry Brantley, Ira Hicks, Chad Floden, Tony Quinn, Sammy Song; fourth row, Nick Horton, Tim Barnes, Saul Hedquist, J.D. Sharp, Sean Murphy, Steve Schnoer, Tyree Lewis, Maurice Jackson; top row, Delano Hayes, Mike Fong, Bo Leonard, Dan Connet, David Banister, Eric Mitchell, Justin Reese.

Runnin' it in—Tyree Lewis runs the ball escaping SE Polk's defense, on Oct. 25.



photo by Ray Lewis



photo by Kelly Christopher



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Dodgin' it all—Running back Justin Carr dodges SE Polk's defense.

Blockin' it all—The freshmen defense blocks a punt against SE Polk.

KEEPIN' IT FROSH

The freshmen football team finished the season with a record of 3-4 in the conference and 3-6 total.

The freshmen offense was led by Brandon Dodd, Reggie Williams, and Laverne Greenfield. Dodd had 120 carries for the season and had 846 yards rushing total, while Reggie Williams had 95 carries with a total of 861 yards rushing. Munchello Dock, who was injured at the beginning of the season, still had 85 carries with a total of 592 yards rushing.

The freshmen defense was led by Dodd,

Justin Lamar, and Tim Lawson. Dodd had 96 tackles and 16 sacks, and Lamar had 94 tackles and 17 sacks for the season. Lawson helped out the defense in the North game on Sept. 12, with four interceptions, bringing the Huskies a strong victory.

"The freshmen football team started out 3-3 and then fell the last three games due to some key injuries. We had great games against North, East, Roosevelt, and Lincoln. We won three of those four. We had talent this year at every position," said coach Jeff Jansen.

Freshmen Football					
3-6					
Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent		
6	SE Polk	47	18	Roosevelt	8
18	North	6	14	Dowling	48
22	East	6	6	Fort Dodge	59
14	Lincoln	26	6	Ankeny	59
12	Indianola	32			



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Freshmen football—front row, Chris Kuhn, Matt Jorgenson, Immanuel Mosley, managers-Shannon Rosamond and Amber Pritchard, coaches-Craig Clark, Jeff Jansen, and David Knight, managers-Nicole Ertman and Erica Miller, Naeem Abdullah, Stratton George, Joseph Ashby; second row, Laverne Greenfield, Stanley Patton, Bryan Harper, Patrick Liddy, Munchello Dock, Reggie Williams, Jeremiah Crabb; third row, Chris Leewright, Tim Lawson, Justin Carr, Chris Mosier, Brandon Dodd, Ethan St. Clair; back row, Nathan Howell, Ricardo Giron, Anthony Ziegler, Keith Tilton, Eric Selander, Justin Lamar, Chris Anderson.

Linin' on up—Hoover's offensive line gets set on the line of scrimmage.



photo by Kelly Christopher

SERVIN' UP WINS

The varsity volleyball team had several individual leaders, which helped them in their games. Sophomore Maggie Beavers made second team All-Conference.

Honorable Mention went to seniors DeLaine Burken, Nikki Johnson, and Lisa Bentley, and juniors Karen Lueder and Sarah Hinchliff. With a 2-7 conference record, 4-25-4 overall, the Huskies beat both North and Dowling near the end of their season.

"I'm really proud of all of the girls; we've come a long way. Although I'm disappointed we didn't get the support and recognition we deserved," Burken said. She averaged 1.70 digs per game.

"Our season went well. We improved

our record from last year's, and that was one of our goals. We tried really hard this season, and played together as a team," said senior Kristin Hayes. Hayes was fourth in the conference for serving, with 96.2 percent and 30 aces.

"We all got along this year which helped us play together. The team dinners at Nikki [Johnson's] house got us all fired up. Next year we're going to come together sooner and win all of our games," Beavers said. Beavers had 144 kills, averaging 1.78 a game.

The Huskies had a year total of 90.5 percent in serving, taking them to third in their conference.

Servin' with style -Senior Nikki Johnson gets ready to serve the ball, at Southeast Polk on Oct.22.

Hittin' it hard - Junior Karen Lueder takes the ball to the net, against Roosevelt on Sept. 10 at home.



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Leading the Pack

DeLaine Burken



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Varsity Volleyball Conference Match Score, 2-5

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
0	Roosevelt	3	North
0	East	3	Dowling
0	Indianola	2	SE Polk
2	Lincoln	3	



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JV/Varsity Volleyball – front row, Amanda Jones, Amber Wessing, Kristin Hayes, Katie Gross, Lisa Bentley; second row, coach Scott Noah, Tammy Leitch, Melissa Mallette, Nikki Johnson, Maggie Beavers, Joelle Coons, coach Gene Denny; back row, Sara Carlson, Karen Lueder, DeLaine Burken, Jenny Baumert, Sarah Hinchliff.

Gettin' it up– Senior Kristin Hayes hits the ball against Southeast Polk on Oct. 22.

SPIKIN' IT ALL

The sophomore volleyball team finished with an overall record of 14-16 and a conference record of 4-10. With only four sophomores, Traci Skinner, Michelle Evans, Liz Carey, and Amanda Young, the sophomore team brought up several freshmen to help in their success.

"I thought that we had a pretty good season considering we only had four sophomores for the team. I really enjoyed playing volleyball even though it was my first year," Young said.

Skinner, had the most aces for the season, with a total 12, and also had the best percentage in serving with 86 percent.

"The season was a lot of fun; we were all really good friends. We won a lot of games and

we had a few tough losses; but, overall the season was a success. Next year, hopefully, we'll improve some more and have an even better year," Skinner said.

Carey had the best serve reception of all the sophomores and freshmen with 21 of 40, or 53 percent. She also helped out with 11 aces and a 75 percent in serving.

Freshman Megan Strum was brought up to help the team and throughout the year Strum made 90 percent of her serves and had 56 aces, helping both teams to victories.

The sophomores beat East twice in the middle of the season and also North and SE Polk at their last two conference games, ending the season with two wins.

Settin' it up—Freshman Megan Strum sets it up helping her teammates to score.

Helpin' out—Freshman Shantoria Young helps out the sophs with a perfect set.



photo by Kelly Christopher



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Sophomore Volleyball 4-10

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
1	Roosevelt	2	2
1	Dowling	2	1
1	Lincoln	2	0
0	Newton	3	3
3	East	0	2
		2	SE Polk
			1



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Freshmen/sophomore volleyball team—front row, Traci Skinner, Shantoria Young, Amanda Young; second row, Ericka Blake, Anna Suckow, Michelle Evans; back row, Liz Carey, Megan Strum, Rachel Van Ravenhorst, Meredith Jones.

Bumpin' it all—Sophomore Amanda Young sets it up as Rachel Van Ravenhorst gets ready to spike.



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Servin' it up—Freshman Megan Strum serves it up against SE Polk.

Servin' it over—Freshman Shantoria Young serves it over as Bryant and Van Ravenhorst look on.

BUMPIN' IT FROSH

The freshmen volleyball team finished the season with an overall record of 16-14 and a conference record of 4-10.

The squad of a mere seven may have been short of players, but definitely not short on talent. Rachel Van Ravenhorst and Megan Strum both completed 90 percent of their serves and Van Ravenhorst also had the best percentage for serve reception with 43 percent, with Shantoria Young, Anna Suckow, and Ericka Blake all close with 41 percent.

"We did very good considering we only had seven players. I had a lot of fun and I'm really

looking forward to playing next year," said freshman Erica Blake.

Strum, along with Meredith Jones, had the most aces for the team. Jones, with 32, and Strum, with a total of 56, had more than the whole team combined.

The freshmen squad started the season strong, winning their first three conference games against Roosevelt, Dowling, and Lincoln. Next, the Huskies won big against East with a match score of 3-0 and finally against North on Oct. 15 with again a match score of 3-0, ending the season with a strong win.

Freshmen Volleyball 4-10

<u>Hoover</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Hoover</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
2	Roosevelt	1	East	2
1	Dowling	2	Dowling	2
2	Lincoln	1	Indianola	3
0	Newton	2	North	0
3	East	0	SE Polk	2



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Bumpin' it over—Freshman Anisha Bryant bumps it over on the third hit at SE Polk on Oct. 22..

Keepin' it real—Freshman Anisha Bryant serves it over helping to bring about a conference win.

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

BY MISSY PRIEST

RUNNIN' WITH STYLE

The 1996 Girls' Cross Country team is made up of primarily underclassmen. With three freshmen, ten sophomores, eight juniors, and four seniors, the runners said they felt they had something to prove.

"Many conference coaches refused to believe that our varsity unit was basically made up of sophomores and freshmen. Believe me, we have people worried about us next year! I am very proud of everyone for the way they ran this year," coach Bob Jankovitz said.

Each week Jankovitz divided up his team into varsity and junior varsity, depending on the way the girls ran and upon their attitudes. The season consisted of ten meets, junior varsity districts, varsity districts and state. Each district

took their top ten runners of the district meet to state. Sophomore Molly Gross, tenth in districts, went on to state, finishing 67th, with a time of 12:55.

"We had a great season and have improved a lot in the last couple of years. In the future they're going to be even better. I'm very proud of everyone," senior Colleen Bergman said.

Bergman was captain of the team, and also received the most improved runner award for the senior Huskies.

With 17 letter winners, girls' cross country is looking forward to next year. "Our season went really well, and next year we are going to kick butt," junior Amie Hedrick said.

Running all alone –
Sophomore Molly Gross keeps her pace at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 10.

On your marks! – The J.V. Husky runners get ready to begin their race.



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Leading the Pack

Colleen Bergman



Amie Hedrick

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Girls' Cross Country

Meet	Placed	Meet	Placed
S. E. Polk	4th	S.E. Polk	1st
Urbandale	5th	Norwalk	1st
Hoover	6th	Ankeny	no score
Johnston	1st	Conference	1st
North	5th	J.V. Districts	3rd
City Series	2nd	Districts	10th



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JV/Varsity Girls' Cross Country — front row, Rachel Pokos, Brenda Bass, Christy Meade, Dawn Schipman, Jenny Throckmorton, Kelly Nelson; second row, Shauna Kline, Colleen Bergman, Tiffany Oakley, Megan Smith, Destiny Schipman, Cheri Reynolds, Traci Skinner; back row, coach Bob Jankovitz, Amie Hedrick, Michelle Ryan, Stephanie Mann, Shari Ostreko, Katie Meimann, Tonya Halstead, Molly Gross, Sara Cline, Jennifer Reed, coach Jerry Gay.

Strutting her stuff—
Junior Amie Hedrick passes a Roosevelt runner at the Hoover Invitational.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

BY AMANDA CAMP

CROSSIN' THE LINE

Boys' Cross Country depended greatly on their upperclassmen. Four of their six to seven member team were seniors.

"When the runners of a team improve their times from the beginning of the season to the end, it makes me, as the coach, happy. I'm especially proud of our seniors," coach Ron Peterson said.

Seniors on the team were: Matt Anderson, John Audlehelm, Brian Bainbridge, Jason Cowden, Mike Ostreko, Dan Parker, and Tom Stehl.

Peterson went on to say that next year they will need more runners, and the ones that do return will need to run a lot of miles in the off-season before Hoover can be a top-ranked team again.

Keepin' the pace—Seniors Brian Bainbridge and Dan Parker set their pace at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 11.

Stayin' together—The varsity runners stay close together as the race begins.

Senior Mike Ostreko proved to be team leader, placing second in districts and 26th in the State competition. He was also picked as a *Des Moines Register* Prep of the Week, and made All-Conference.

"Our season went really well. Everybody worked hard to get things accomplished. We were very determined to do well, after last year's great season," Ostreko said.

Senior runner Dan Parker has been running cross country for Hoover for two years. "Being ranked sixth in the state at the beginning of the season really helped motivate us. With Ostreko leading our team, and me making it to one race, all in all it was a good season," Parker said.



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Leading the Pack

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Boys' Cross Country

Meet	Placed	Meet	Placed
Ames	7th	Augustine	4th
Hoover	4th	Conference	5th
Karpen	3rd	JV District	7th
City Series	3rd	District	10th
Ankeny	no score		



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Varsity Boys' Cross Country — front row, Robert Nentl, Andy Marotti, Tom Stehl, Tuffy Jackson; second row, Mikel Morris, Jason Cowden, Dan Parker, Mike Ostreko; back row, Mike Shulz, Eric Nichols, Brian Bainbridge, John Audlehelm.

Lookin' Ahead— Senior Jason Cowden looks to the runner ahead of him at the Hoover Invitational on Sept. 11.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

BY AMANDA CAMP

HOLDIN' THEIR BREATH

The 1996 girls' Hoover swimming and diving team finished the season with a record of 2-7, with a close win over East on Sept. 24, of 94-89, and a blow-out victory of North on Oct. 15, of 128-45.

The Southeast Polk final meet of the season Oct. 22 was close, but disappointing with a 50-52 loss, but on Oct. 26, at the American Conference meet, junior Tara Taylor placed second and senior Katie Bierma placed third out of 100 swimmers in the Free, leaving the Marlins ready for Districts on Nov. 2.

"Districts went well," said Bierma. This left Bierma, juniors Tara Taylor and Amy

Petersen, and freshman Sherry Van Zee qualifying for state which began Nov. 8.

At state the Marlins competed in the 200 Free relay with Sherry Van Zee starting, Taylor swimming second, Petersen swimming third, and Bierma finishing the race.

First-year coach Tim Brown said, "We had a very successful season and I'm looking forward to next year because of all the talented juniors and underclassmen we'll have back. Our varsity top point scorer was a junior, Tara Taylor, and JV's top point scorer freshman, Erin Holler. Also, three of the four qualifying swimmers for state will return for the '97 season."

Cheerin' 'em on-Junior Jennifer Howe cheers on her teammate hoping for a win.

Swimmin' it in-Katie Bierma swims the Free, for which she placed third in the American Conference.



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Leading the Pack

Amy Petersen



Tara Taylor



"This year was really exciting. We all improved a lot throughout the year, and ended up sending a relay team to state. I'm really looking forward to next year—Go bananas!"

"We are very happy about the outcome of our season. I'm very proud of everyone on our team. I can't wait until next year, but we're going to miss all the seniors."

Girls Swimming

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
66	Roosevelt 121	60	Indianola 110
84	Lincoln 104	128	North 45
161	North Invit. —	50	SE Polk 52
66	Dowling 122	<u>American Conference</u>	

Two Hoover swimmers placed in top three out of 100.



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JV/Varsity Girls Swimming—front row, Sherry Van Zee, Rachel Pokos, Jennifer Howe, Erin Holler, Liz Burt, Angela Walker, Liz Bierma; second row, coach John Rulin, Kacy Grimaldi, Casey Chacon, Kristen Gibson, Sommer Stokka, Amanda Bolte, Lyssa Dusenberry; third row, manager Jim Reagh, Leah Marcell, Beth Weiburg, Tiffany Brown, Erica Owen, April Burkard, Katie Bierma, April Taylor; back row, Lissa Slotterback, Nikki Skladzien, Laura Breeher, Amy Petersen, Tara Taylor, Kristin Bray, Luran Anderson, Carrie Witte, Tricia Van Zee, coach Tim Brown.

Divin' on in—Soph. Kristen Elibson makes her dive at SE Polk on Oct. 22.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

BY MISSY PRIEST

S WIMMIN' WITH STYLE

What happens when you take 36 guys, put them all in Speedos and then tell them to swim? You get the 1996-97 Hoover Men's Swim Team, of course. The guys' swim team came out on top this year with a varsity record of 5-2 and a junior varsity record of 3-1. They were ranked 15th in the Final Iowa Power Ranking.

"I had a lot of fun under the great coaching of Tim Brown, Randy Hansen and Dave Linder," said freshman Graham Laird.

The eight seniors on the swim team, including team captains Alex Albright and Tim Nehmer, led the group to victories against Roosevelt, East, Lincoln, Indianola, and North. The team placed fourth at Ames and also at the

District swim meet.

Albright, Scott Johnson, Dave Nadler, and Kevin Kozitza advanced to compete at State in Iowa City, where they placed 23rd.

The Hoover Swim Team was not lacking in exceptional swimmers. Of the 36 swimmers, 31 received athletic letters. Albright received three award—the Bob Lenc Award, the Most Outstanding and the Team High Scorer. Casey Coppi was named Most Improved and Nehmer was chosen Hardest Worker. The nanagers also received letters.

Linder was very proud and impressed with the swim team's improvement and achievements, he said.

Diving off! — At the Hoover Invitational, swimmers dive off into the water at the beginning of a race.

Making waves! — Senior Jermain Henderson swims laps at swim practice.



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Leading the Pack

Senior, Alex Albright



"I had a lot of fun this year, and even though we didn't reach our goals, we improved our times."

Freshman, John Nadler



"I didn't know anything at the beginning, but I ended up swimming varsity events."

Mens' Swimming

<u>HHS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>HHS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
Lost	SE Polk	Won	North
Won	Roosevelt	4th	Little Cyclones
Lost	Dowling	4th	District
Won	East	23rd	State
Won	Lincoln	no score	Hoover Inv.
Won	Indianola	no score	American Div.



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Men's Swim Team – front row, managers Erica Owen, Laura Breecher, Tricia Van Zee, Luran Anderson, Sarah Anderson; second row, Jermain Henderson, Casey Coppi, Aaron Lumley, Tim Nehmer, Chris Stelzer, Alex Albright, Scott Johnson; third row, Jeremy Dingman, Ramon Nieves, John Monroe, Mark Dante, Jerome Miller, Ben Talcott, Mikel Morris, Jim Reagh; fourth row, Brad Kreinbring, Bryce Jones, Brian Heiden, Kevin Kozitza, Dave Nadler, Nate Ferguson, Tom Briggs, Chris Burkard; fifth row, Chris Anderson, Graham Laird, John Nadler, Aaron Kuiken, Nate Curl, David Bannister, Tuffy Jackson, Colin Johnson, Michael Fosdick; not pictured, Andrew Rowland, Brandon Camus, Corey McVey.

Gettin' Prepared— Senior Alex Albright prepares to leave the starting block.

MEN'S SWIMMING

BY ALLISON MUSSER

COMING OUT EVEN

The girls' varsity basketball team finished the 1996-97 season with seven conference wins and seven conference losses.

At the beginning of the season the players made three goals for themselves, said Coach Don Hatcher. First, and most obviously, to go to the state tournament. Second, they wanted to finish the season with at least a .500 record. Their last goal was to foster a family type cohesion amongst team members, he said.

"This year we have formed more of a family atmosphere at practice as well as on the court," said Anne Lawrie.

When asked what the strong point of the team was, Hatcher said, "The strong point is probably the fact everyone could and would try to score. There was no one person to go to. This does make it hard for others to defend. The patience they showed on offense relieved the pressure on defense."

One unique aspect of the varsity team is that there is not a single senior to be found on the roster. According to Hatcher, the juniors are leading the team and gaining valuable experience for next season.

"Everyone has the opportunity to return next year and go at it again," Hatcher said.

Settin' it up— Junior Katie Gross takes the ball down the court to set up the offense.

Takin' it to the hoop— Junior Anne Lawrie takes advantage of a fast break by taking it to the hole.



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Leading the Pack

Sarah Hinchliff



"This season we all gained valuable experience, but next year our expectations are much higher."

Tierra Kaiser



"This year was O.K, but next year I expect us to win the conference and go to state."

Girl's Varsity Basketball

7-12

<u>Hoover</u>			<u>Opponent</u>		
38	Osceola	56	41	Valley	53
25	Norwalk	31	40	Roosevelt	37
40	Ames	47	22	Ankeny	36
30	Lincoln	46	37	S.E.P	34
34	Roosevelt	30	47	Indianola	52(2OT)
44	S.E.P	28	39	Dowling	55
46	Indianola	52(OT)	36	East	28
57	East	69	28	Dowling	49
46	North	27	66	North	45
31	Lincoln	55			



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Drivin' through— Junior Maggie Beavers beats her defensive opponent while keeping the ball under control.

Girls' Varsity Basketball—front row, Anita Halfwassen, Lawanda Jones, Katie Gross, Christie Meade, Traci Skinner, Tiffany Oakley, Alisha Brooks; second row, Cortney Thompson, Anne Lawrie, Maggie Beavers, Tara Taylor, Stephanie Mann, Molly Gross; back row, Sarah Hinchliff, Tierra Kaiser, Coach Shelley Smoldt, Coach Don Hatcher, Coach Jim Petersen, Melissa Mallette, Katie Meimann, Amy Petersen.

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

With four varsity basketball starters coming back from last year's team, the 1996-97 varsity boys' basketball team had high expectations for this year.

The Huskies started the year with wins over S.E. Polk, Indianola, East, and Johnston. "We started out the year very strong," junior guard David Rude said. "But then we dropped a couple close games, and it hurt us a little."

A couple of the close losses came against Dowling and Indianola; both games were played away. "One thing this team learned this year was the importance of playing 'all out' basketball for 90 minutes. Anything less and you get beat," head coach Bobby Sandquist said.

The Huskies finished the regular season with an 11-6 record, and a strong third place finish in the conference. "This entire year was a

team effort. All these guys improved and contributed to what we tried to do as a team," Sandquist said.

The Huskies came away with a couple big victories during the regular season, including beating Dowling and Indianola at the Dog Pound.

Hoover finished the year with a 13-8 record, but, according to CIML player of the year, junior David Newman, the team could have finished 17-2. "The team lost six games by a combined total of 12 points," Newman said.

Hoover beat Newton in the first round of districts but were overcome by the Ankeny Hawks in the second round. Newman said that Ankeny shot well and their defense did them in.

Newman said, "The season went well, but our record could have been much better. We are looking to go head on into next year."

D' in it up—Juniors David Newman and David Buckley play some pressure defense against Ankeny.

From way downtown—Junior David Rude fires a three-pointer up against Dowling.



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photo by David Lam

Leading the Pack

David Rude



"The team really improved this year, and I think our competitive attitude really showed on the floor."

David Newman



"We (Hoover varsity basketball team) finished the year with a 13-8 record, but we could have easily been 17-2. The expectations for next year will be pretty high for us."

Varsity Basketball 13-8

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
66	Ankeny 78	50	Valley 52
60	Ottumwa 48	52	Roosevelt 59
73	SE Polk 58	73	SE Polk 65
60	Indianola 36	58	Indianola 60
71	East 58	68	Dowling 72
64	Johnston 54	79	East 47
102	North 56	59	Dowling 47
69	Lincoln 66	91	North 71



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Varsity basketball—front row, Adam Emerson, David Newman, Brian Foster, Jemon Spivey, Rex Tredway, David Rude, Isaac Emerson; back row, coach Brian Larson, Varell Wiley, T.J. Welton, Greg Danielson, Andrew Maahs, David Buckley, Nicholas Pisarik, head coach Bobby Sandquist. Not pictured—Derek Wilcox.

Dropping Dimes—

Junior Brian Foster waits to pass to one of his teammates in a duel at Ankeny.

Varsity Basketball

BY JARED PETERSON

COMIN' OUT STRONG

The sophomore girls' 1996-'97 basketball team had several goals to accomplish before the season was over. According to Coach Jim Petersen, their first goal was to have a winning season, which they accomplished with a final record of 11-8. They also set a goal to play a good, aggressive defense, without fouls. The Huskies' last goal was to improve both individually and as a team as the season progressed.

Coach Petersen said that in his opinion all of their goals for the season were met.

The strong point of the sophomore team was its defense.

"They played a tough and unrelenting defense, whether it was half-court or full court," Petersen said.

For example, they beat an Ankeny team,

who for three years had not been beaten, which the Hoover team felt was due to great defense and a lack of fouling.

"We had a very successful season, beating some undefeated teams. We improved a lot and we'll be very good next year," said sophomore Katie Meimann.

Coach Petersen said that there were no specific leaders of the sophomore team. They were all leaders in their own way, because they all worked hard not only during games, but in practice as well.

"Whether on the court or on the bench, the girls cheered each other on. Any success the team enjoyed wasn't because of any one individual player, but because of the team as a whole," Petersen said.

Chargin' past—Alicia Brooks controls the ball against her North opponent.

Grabbin' the ball—Christie Meade and Tierra Kaiser get control of the ball.



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Sophomore Basketball 11-8

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
31	Osceola	32	Valley
35	Norwalk	43	Roosevelt
35	Ames	36	Ankeny
27	Lincoln	55	S.E. Polk
36	Roosevelt	25	Indianola
31	S.E. Polk	20	Dowling
39	Indianola	42	East
36	East	12	Dowling
52	North	17	North
36	Lincoln	38	



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Girls' sophomore basketball—front row, Anita Halfwassen, Alicia Brooks, Christy Meade, Traci Skinner; second row, Mandi Highland, Cortney Thompson, Michelle McCoy, Molly Gross; back row, Carrie Witte, Katie Meimann, Melissa Mallette, coach Jim Petersen, Tierra Kaiser, Stephanie Mann.

Followin' through—Anita Halfwassen holds her follow through after scoring.



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photo by Kristen Gibson



photo by Kristen Gibson

Practicin' hard—Ericka Blake works on dribbling during practice.

Warmin' up—Nanthida Deuanephenh drives to the basket during practice.

KEEPIN' AT IT

The freshmen girls' basketball team finished the 1996-1997 season with one conference win and seven conference losses.

Their goals for the season were to work on basic fundamentals, ball handling, and, of course, shooting.

Although they improved the most on their defensive skill as the season progressed, their coach, Staci Braun, said the strong point of the team was determination.

"It took an incredible amount of commitment, school pride, and personal strength for the girls to finish out the season," said Braun.

The unique thing about the 1996-1997 girls' freshmen team was the small size. At the beginning of the season the roster held nine names but by the end it had dwindled its way down to six.

"At times we could only have five players at games and if someone fouled out we played with four," Braun said.

Despite the small team the players had a positive attitude about the season.

"The season went pretty well considering the size of our team," said Nanthida Deuanephenh.

Freshmen Basketball

1-7

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
50	Ames 23	57	SE Polk 13
9	North 32	57	Indianola 32
31	Lincoln 17	42	East 20
26	Roosevelt 23	56	Dowling 28



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Girls' freshmen basketball—front row, Shantoria Young, Samantha Bunn, Meghan Kelso, Haley Burford, Nanthida Deuanephenh; second row, coach Mike Kelso, Kelly Findley, Candace Hemphill, Meredith Jones, Ericka Blake, coach Staci Braun.

Focusin' hard—Meghan Kelso keeps her eyes on the basket as she charges past her North opponent.



photo by Karen Lueder

STEALIN' THE PRIZE

Success rained down on the sophomore boys' basketball squad for the most part of the 1996-97 season. With both a winning conference and overall record, the team claimed a share of the conference title with the Dowling Maroons.

The team was powered by the strong lowpost play of sophomores Varell Wiley and Josh Lamar. They were also strengthened by the steady back court play of freshman Steve Rude and sophomore Tony Quinn. When asked to pick a couple of the impact players on the team, coach Haywood Boston said he would not single out any one player. "All these guys worked hard, and it takes an entire team effort," he said.

The biggest game of the year, according to Boston, was the win over the Dowling Maroons on Feb. 7. "Any time you beat Dowling, it's always a big win, as it was for us," Boston said.

A big reason for the success of the sophomore squad was experience. "Having played together for three years has really helped us this year," sophomore Kris Fenrich said.

"I was real happy with the way this team was able to come up with big victories when we needed them," sophomore Tony Quinn said.

When the sophomores topped the Roosevelt RoughRiders in their final regular season game, they clinched a share of the CIML conference title. "From the beginning of the year we set a goal to be conference champions, and I'm real happy we did it," Boston said.

Boston also said, "These guys were scrappers; they can definitely be a good varsity team in the future, if they work at it."

Freshman Steve Rude said, "The season went super and the team did a great job."

Runnin' the show—Freshman Steve Rude looks to pass to one of his teammates.



photo by Jared Peterson



photo by Jared Peterson

Sophomore Basketball 13-5

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
50	Ankeny	78	60
52	SE Polk	46	61
48	Indianola	29	41
59	East	51	71
39	Dowling	55	67
48	Johnston	44	85
61	North	53	61
69	Lincoln	62	53
38	Valley	41	51
			Roosevelt
			43



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Sophomore boys' basketball team—front row, Justin Leitch, Brad Gibson, Andrew Palmer, Steve Rude, Tony Quinn; second row, Nick Folk, Alex Groen, Jason Karaidos, Steve Schnoor, Robert Hamill, Cameo McGregor; back row, Haywood Boston, Kris Fenrich, Michael Fong, Varell Wiley, Derek Johnson, J.D. Sharp, Josh Lamar, Ryan Doughan.

Puttin' it in—Sophomore Kris Fenrich takes it up strong against East.



photo by Kelly Christopher



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Freshmen boys' basketball team—front row, Brandon Heidt, Derek Eidson, Forrest Weber, Immanuel Mosley, Jeremiah May, Stanley Patton, Daniel Rushing; second row, Galen Mayes, Paul Scott, Jevon Dameron, Terrance McDonald, Robert Tolson, Justin Carr, Reggie Williams; third row, Ryan Cooper, Shawn McDermott, Naem Abdullah, BJ Davis, Brian Clark, Isaih Brown; fourth row, Munchelo Dock, Dillon Harris, Joe Tippins, Troy Skinner, Pat Lawler, Bob Shamble, Bob Watson, Marshon Haynes, Stevie James, Tim Lawson.

At the line— Freshman Stanley Patton lines up for a free throw.

PLANNIN' ON SUCCESS

For the freshmen Hoover basketball squad, the 1996-97 season was a year of learning. Though the team did not produce a winning record, they did come away with eight wins on the season. "This was a good season in terms of finding out what they need to do to get better," head coach Pat Lawler said.

"We learned a lot this year, and when we came together as a team we accomplished some big things. I think as time progresses we are going to continue to improve as a team," freshman starter Joe Tippins said. The freshmen squad won some big games during the season. The match-up

against Urbandale on Jan. 21 was a big win for the Huskies. The game went down to the wire with Hoover prevailing by one.

Team chemistry played a key role in some of the losses this year. Having not played together a lot, the team had some trouble coming together as a team. "We get along real well off the court, but we need to work on our chemistry on it," freshman Reggie Williams said.

Freshman Immanuel Mosley said, "The season could have gone better, but our play and our team chemistry can and will get better in the future."

Freshmen Basketball 8-9

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
59	North	55	33 Urbandale
46	Urbandale	42	55 Lincoln
48	Lincoln	32	62 Roosevelt
42	SE Polk	56	72 SE Polk
48	Indianola	68	47 Indianola
58	East	57	44 East
53	Dowling	88	53 Dowling
40	North	93	50 Roosevelt
			46 Johnston
			59



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Shootin' the rock— Freshman Brian Clark puts one up against Indianola.

On three!—Head coach Pat Lawler instructs his troops during a time out on Jan. 16, at home against the Dowling Maroons.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

BY JARED PETERSON

PINNIN' THEM DOWN

The 11 Husky wrestlers who completed the 1997 season had a season of empty weight classes and working hard to make up for the loss of people. Consisting of one freshman, four sophomores, three juniors, and two seniors, numbers hurt them in their overall meets.

Team leader, junior Justin Song, ended the season with a record of 19-5. Three of the five losses were to Tony Gruss from Roosevelt. Another was in the 160 lbs. weight class; Song wrestles at 152 lbs. The fifth loss was at Districts.

"We had empty varsity classes at 103, 112, 119, 140, 189, and heavyweight, at the end of the season. It hurt us because we were forfeiting at least 36 points each meet," said four-year manager Loan Pham.

Talkin' it up—Junior Varsity wrestlers get pumped up by coach Tam Ho before they begin their meet.

Stayin' alive— Junior Justin Song keeps alive against his opponent at the Lincoln duel.

"I think the team stuck it out and gave it their very best. I think that if we had more team members we would've been very good. I feel I did pretty good. I really improved from last year," said sophomore Brandon Bracelin. Bracelin ended the season with a record of 10-12, wrestling at 145 lbs.

"The wrestling season went well. Individually everyone worked hard. As a team we need to fill some weight classes. Although the record didn't show it, we had a successful season. It was fun wrestling with the teammates we had, and I look forward to winning some duel meets next year," said Song.



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Leading the Pack

Justin Song



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Brandon Bracelin



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Varsity Wrestling

0-12

Meet	W-L	Meet	W-L
Johnston	L	East	L
Hoover	L	Perry	L
SE Polk	L	Dowling	L
Roosevelt	L	Indianola	L
Lincoln	L	Lincoln	L
Ottumwa	L	North	L



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Varsity Wrestlers — front row, wrestling cheerleaders, Colleen Bergman, April Taylor, Jennifer Howe, Amanda Young, Emily Doro, Theresa Hedrick; second row, manager Loan Pham, Eric Nichols, Brandon Bracelin, Xuan Nguyen, Kyle Pritchard, Nwandu Bell, Josh Seiglauff; last row, coach Tam Ho, Justin Song, Chris Davis, Jason Johnston, Dave Juskelis, Jeff Hopp, Joe Jaynes, Rob Clark, coach Jerry Gay. Not pictured, Chris Leewright.

Takin' him down—

Sophomore Brandon Bracelin and junior Justin Song practice for their upcoming meet.

Varsity Wrestling

BY AMANDA CAMP

D RIVIN' FOR PAR

The 1997 girls' golf team had strength from their numbers. Their five returning players were seniors April Taylor, Colleen Bergman, April Burkard, Destiny Schipman, and sophomore Liz Bierma.

Leadership among these players has improved them overall, said returning coach Brian Larson.

The team's goal for the year was accomplished as they won two of their dual meets, the first on April 17 against Lincoln and the second on April 21 against East.

"The season went as expected. All of the girls have shown great improvement," said Larson. Larson also said the team's weaknesses included day to day consistency, but that the number of players had really helped them out.

"I had a great time playing golf for

Hoover this year. It had to have been one of my best years. I improved my scores and had a lot of fun," said Burkard.

"This season was tough, but in the end we had a really strong team and had a great time doing it. We all had individual problems to overcome, but we banded together and helped each other through," said Bergman.

Bergman went on to say that she really enjoyed her last season of golfing for Hoover and that the team had made the year one to remember.

"Golf has always been fun and this year was no exception. With the loss of our top player from last year (Dana Swanson), it was harder, but I think we did a good job of staying together and getting better," said Taylor.

Girls' golf ended their season with regionals and then state.

Takin' a swing—Sophomore Amanda Young drives her ball at Waveland.

Hittin' it in—Senior Destiny Schipman lines up her ball against East on May 5.



photo by Colleen Bergman



photo by Colleen Bergman

Girls' Golf

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
259	Lincoln	234	12 Indianola
263	East	268	11 City Series
10th	Valley Classic	48	Roosevelt
9th	North Invite	8	Dowling
50	East	0	32



photo by Emily Boatwright

Girls' Golf— front row, Amanda Young, Ericka Owens, Dana Hansen; back row, April Burkard, April Taylor, Colleen Bergman, Destiny Schipman, Kim Peddycoart, Jasmine Little. Not pictured, Liz Bierma.

Takin' their shots— The girls' golf team lines up to take their shots at Longview Golf Range on Apr. 21.



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photo by Brad Steffen



photo by Brad Steffen

Drivin' with skill—Senior Jon Talcott drives the ball at the Grandview course on Sept. 30.

Puttin' it in—Senior Todd Strum putts against East, helping Hoover win their last meet of the season.

HITTING THE GREEN

The varsity boys' golf team finished the season with an 8-3 record. Hoover's first win was their first meet, which was against Lincoln. Their second win was against Indianola with a close score of 152-153.

The Huskies blew North away with a win by 52 and their next win on Sept. 26 against S.E. Polk was again close, with a score of 163-170. Hoover's final nine hole meet and final win was against East on Sept. 30 by 28 strokes.

The three 18-hole meets at Council Bluffs were all won and the season ended with a record of 8-3 for nine-hole and 3-0 for the three 18-hole meets.

In the American Conference Hoover placed fourth, with junior David Buckley scoring a 72. In the City Tournament, Hoover placed second, with Buckley and fellow juniors Eric Kintner and Curt Wheeler all scoring a 40.

"This year's golf team had great leadership in its upperclassmen and only five seniors are graduating from the 19 players who lettered. Competition was very tight for the six varsity positions and next year will be even tighter. Next year we may have a shot at a Conference Championship, but it will be up to how much the players work next spring and summer on their golf," said coach Steve Lundholm.

Boys' Golf 8-3

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
161	Lincoln	171	North
152	Indianola	153	SE Polk
164	Roosevelt	153	Boone
160	Dowling	143	East



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Boys' Golf—front row, Jared Peterson, Spencer McGinnis, Joe Peterson, Derek Eidson, Mark Dante, Bryan Manning, Praveen Bannikatti, Brad Steffen, Eric Kintner, Andrew Palmer; second row, Matt Sample, Dylan Harris, Alex Groen, John Monroe, Jamie Beard, Jon Talcott, Mike Fosdick, Jason Stetson, Curtis Wheeler, Jim Bray, Jason Karaidos; back row, James Vigon, Joe Tippins, Justin Griffis, David Buckley, Matt Woods, Derek Johnson, Andrew Slotterback, Robert Cochran, Ryan Doughan, Adam Johnson.

Givin' it all—Junior Eric Kintner, voted most consistent player, drives the ball toward the green.



photo by Kelly Christopher

BOYS' GOLF
BY MISSY PRIEST

BREAKIN' THE TAPE

The 1996-97 boys' track team was off and running beginning with the first day of practice on Feb. 17. Obviously, at such an early date the team was unable to practice outdoors, but they made good use of their time by running indoors and working on strength and conditioning drills.

The team was again coached this year by Ron Peterson, and assisted by coaches Dan Jones and Greg Adams.

Hoover's first meet was the Johnston Invitational, where they finished 3rd out of 8 teams.

The Drake Relays were the turning point of the boys' track season. Only a select few individual runners and teams from Hoover were

able to compete. These included senior Kelly Christopher for the 110 meter high hurdles, senior Mike Ostreko in the 3200 meter run and the 1600 meter run, sophomore Andre Mitchell in the long jump, the 1600 meter medley relay team of freshmen Stanley Patton and Paul Scott, junior Tuffy Jackson, and senior Mike Ostreko, and the 4 by 100 meter relay team of senior Brian Bainbridge, Mitchell, Scott, and Christopher.

The Urbandale Invitational was up next with senior Mike Ostreko breaking a 14-year-old record in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:34.6.

Warming up – Senior runner Kelly Christopher stretches out before he heads to the starting line.

Gutting it out – Sophomore Tyree Lewis struggles to cross the finish line before his opponent.



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photo by Kelly Christopher





photo by Kelly Christopher

Leading the Pack

Brian Bainbridge



"We had a really great season and have improved a lot in the last couple of years. In the future they are going to be even better. I'm very proud of everyone."

Dave Juskelis



"We had a lot of young runners step up and compete at the varsity level this year. We also had some older runners come back and continue their good work from last year."

Maurice Jackson



"Track is something I enjoy doing very much. I like the coaches and the team, and it's real easy to get along with everyone. I hope to continue running until I graduate."



photo by Mullica

JV/Varsity Boys' Track — front row, Dave Juskelis, John Audlehelm, Mike Ostreko, Kelly Christopher; second row, Antonio Quinn, Nick Miller, Kyle Pritchard, Mike Mefferd, Levi Robinson, Tuffy Jackson, Brian Foster, David Rude; third row, Stanley Patton, Keith Collier, Steve Schnoor, J.D. Sharp, Andre Mitchell; fourth row, Gailan Mayes, Anthony Ziegler, Chris Kuhn, Tim Lawson, Graham Laird, Reggie Willaims, Paul Scott

Letting it fly — Senior Mat Griffis grimaces as he hurls the shot into the air.

GOIN' THE DISTANCE

The 1997 girls' track team started the season with many goals, but there were two that were at the top of the list.

"Our top two goals for this season were to have fun and to qualify as many units as possible for State," said the girls' track coach Robert Jankovitz.

There were no seniors on the team this year, but there were 31 underclassmen.

"We still had experience on the track team even though we didn't have any seniors," sophomore Jennie Reed said.

"Our relay teams' times were something to watch for. The whole team showed overall improvement," Jankovitz said.

The distance medley relay, 4 x 200 relay, and 4 x 400 relay teams, showed marked improvements by setting four meet records and one Hoover record altogether. Sophomore Tierra Kaiser also set a Hoover record in the discus.

"We just went out there and ran our hardest," said junior Tara Taylor.

Sophomores Molly Gross, Stephanie Mann, Christy Meade and juniors Tara Taylor, Maggie Beavers, and Tierra Kaiser all qualified for State.

Girls' track finished first at the First Annual Girls' Hoover Invitational and brought home a second place finish in the City Series.

Sprintin' to the finish- Junior Tara Taylor gears up to sprint the last few meters at a girls' track meet on May 6.

Lookin' to pass- Sophomore Molly Gross paces herself as she strides to pass the baton to the next runner at the girls' track meet in Ankeny on May 6.



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GIRLS' TRACK

BY NGA LAM



photo by Kelly Christopher

Leading the Pack

Tara Taylor



"We just went out there and ran our hardest. The underclassmen had to step up because it was just us."

Stephanie Mann



"It was a very good season and we worked extremely hard to get to State."

Girls' Track

Meet	Placed	Meet	Placed
Urbandale Inv.	2nd	Indianola	5th
S.E. Polk Inv.	2nd	Wildcat Relays	4th
Hoover Inv.	1st	Ankeny Inv.	7th
Lincoln Inv.	3rd	East Inv.	4th
City Series	2nd	District	6th



Hoover High School

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Girls' Track— front row, Michelle Jackovich, Tiffany Karasienski, Sherry Van Zee, Traci Skinner, Christy Meade, Lizzie Burt, Rachel Pokos, Laura Clark; second row, Molly Gross, Tiffany Oakley, Renesha Taylor, Sara Cline, Shauna Kline, Michelle Ryan, Maggie Beavers, Kristen Gibson, Jennie Reed; third row, assistant coach Jerry Gay, head coach Robert Jankovitz, Tonya Halstead, Geni Stanley, Tara Taylor, Katie Meimann, Tierra Kaiser, Stephanie Mann, Carrie Witte, Michelle McCoy, Cortney Thompson, assistant coach Bob Wilkerson.

Shootin' for distance— Sophomore Geni Stanley launches the ball in the shotput competition at the May 6 track meet.

GIRLS' TRACK

BY NGA LAM

S M A S H I N ' O U T W I N S

The girls' tennis team underwent some major changes at the start of the season, but the team still came together for a strong season.

"I was really pleased the way the team came out and played strong the whole year with all of the changes the team underwent," junior Karen Lueder said.

The biggest change for the girls' tennis squad was in the form of a new head coach, Stu Card. Card, a graduate of Hoover and former tennis player, took over for Hoover High School teacher Laura Ahrendt.

"I'm really excited to be coming back to Hoover. Some of the goals for this year were to improve our record, send a couple teams to state,

and just improve their tennis games," Card said.

Despite some of the changes in the team, one thing remained the same—the varsity players.

The team lost only three varsity players from last year, and had varsity standouts like senior Nikki Johnson, and juniors Joelle Coons, Amy Petersen, and Katie Gross returning.

"The big reason for our success this year was our experience. The returning letterers made the team much wiser and much more prepared," junior Katie Gross said.

Coons, the team's number one player, said, "The season went great. Everyone came willing to play, and play hard."

Pham attack— Senior Loan Pham blazes a serve against Ankeny.

Down on the up swing— Junior Sarah Hinchliff holds the wrist firm against East.



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Leading the Pack

Joelle Coons



"I think the season was the best year we've ever had. Everybody was so eager to play."

Karen Lueder



"Some teams love to win, but we hate to lose, and that's why we've been so successful this year."

Girls' Tennis

5-6

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
L	Urbandale	W	North Polk
L	Ankeny	L	Dowling
L	Indianola	W	East
W	North	L	Roosevelt
W	S.E. Polk	W	Johnston
L	Lincoln		



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Shadows of triumph—Junior Karen Lueder prepares to hit a winner at the Hoover tennis courts against Indianola.

Girls' Tennis—front row, Sue Peterson, Loan Pham, Alison Doherty, Amanda Bolte, Katie Gross, Mary Mefferd, Traci Camp, Cindy Pham; second row, Alexa Woody, Anita Halfwassen, Sara Parker, Joelle Coons, Talia Burnett, Liz Carey, Brenda Bass; third row, Coach Tam Ho, Ericka Blake, Nikki Johnson, Kris Sheaffer, Karen Lueder, Sarah Hinchliff, Catherine Stokes, Amy Petersen, Beth Weiberg, Nicole Ertmann, Coach Stu Card.

GIRLS' TENNIS

BY JARED PETERSON

TAKIN' THEIR SETS

With 13 returning and five new players, lots of practice, and dedication, the boys' tennis team managed to have a great season. The team finished third in the conference with a overall record of four wins, seven losses.

"The season was pretty much like I expected. I knew we would be battling Roosevelt for second in the conference," said Coach Steve Lundholm.

Lundholm also added, "We have a good district so we had a good chance to qualify some of the guys for State." Senior Matt Anderson and freshman Zlatko Letica were State competitors.

Two of the varsity players, Anderson and sophomore Jason Stetson, were in Japan for the

first few meets. "Matt and Jason could have helped with some of the matches we lost. I think we would have beat Johnston and Ankeny with a full line-up," said Lundholm.

This was the last year for eight members of the team, many of whom have played since their freshman year. They had a young team with sophomores Stetson, Brent Thornburg, and Jared Peterson and Letica starting varsity.

"The individual players improved and the team came together well. Leadership came from the seniors and the younger members followed that lead. I look forward to coaching them next year," said Lundholm.

Sunny days— Senior Jon Talcott attempts to get a tan while practicing before the North Polk meet on May 5.

A back shot—Sophomore Ramon Nieves reaches to hit the ball.



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photo by Kris Sheaffer

Leading the Pack

Matt Anderson



"We did okay. Hopefully the underclassmen will improve for next year."

Brad Steffen



"We did a great job this year considering we had several underclassmen on varsity. When Matt Anderson got back from his Japan trip, the team finally came together as a whole."

Boys' Tennis

4-7

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
1	Urbandale 10	3	Roosevelt 8
3	Ankeny 8	2	North Polk 9
3	Johnston 8	2	Dowling 9
10	East 1	8	SE Polk 3
5	Lincoln 6	9	North 2
8	Indianola 3		



photo by Kris Sheaffer

Hittin' it back—Sophomore Brent Thornburg uses his backhand to return the serve.

Boys' Tennis—front row, Brent Thornburg, Phil Cavan, Jared Peterson, Jason Stetson, David Lam, Ramon Nieves; back row, Jon Talcott, Matt Anderson, Zlatko Letica, Donny Duong, Tom Stehl, Bryan Manning, Jamie Beard, Michael Collet; not pictured, Chance Hulten, Brad Steffen, Matt Broich.

BOYS' TENNIS

BY KRIS SHEAFFER

KICKIN' IN GOALS

The 1996-1997 girls' soccer team began their season with two weeks of practice. On May 16 their first Jamboree was held at North, where the team lost to Indianola 0-1.

"Our season opened with two of our hardest games against Ames and Valley. We came together as the season continued," said sophomore Carrie Witte. The team's first two games were lost 0-9 and 0-6 respectively.

"We started out against the best in our conference but we had a good attitude and we improved as the season went on. I really enjoyed being a part of this team for the past four years and I'm going to miss it," said junior team captain Kelly Nelson, who graduated a year early.

Strivin' for perfection—Freshman Emily Neve watches in concentration as she practices hard.

Playin' together—Sophomore Carrie Witte, senior Kari Behn, junior Brenda Bass, and junior Sarah Anderson practice their fundamentals before their upcoming game.

"I had a great time coaching and I saw lots of players rise past their potential. I look forward to extending that potential in years to come," said coach Kari Fernandez. Fernandez is a first year coach at Hoover, and has coached the state champions, Iowa United, for three years.

"I think our team is better this year, we only lost one senior and we had a lot of new additions to our team," said senior Kari Behn.

Behn was one of four seniors on the team. Amanda Jones, Teresa Hedrick, and LeeAnn Hofferber also played their last year.

"We have really been concentrating on conditioning and strength training. We have lengthened our practices by 15 minutes in order to work on those areas as well as specific soccer skills," junior Brenda Bass said.



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Leading the Pack

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Girls' Soccer

4-1-2

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
0	Ames	1	Roosevelt
0	Valley	6	Lincoln
0	Newton	7	North
0	Johnston	2	SE Polk
0	Urbandale	2	Indianola
0	Dowling		
5	East		



photo by Emily Audlehelm

Eye on the ball— Senior Kari Behn strives for perfection at practice.

Usin' their heads— Junior Kelly Nelson heads the ball at the practice field in preparation for their next game.

GIRLS' SOCCER

BY AMANDA CAMP

KICKIN' IT OFF

The boys' soccer team had a successful season in 1997. The season was started off late due to several cancellations. The final record was 7-4.

"The Hoover mens' soccer team has just completed one of its most successful seasons ever," said head coach Pat Kozitza. "In finishing at 5-2 in conference, Hoover demonstrated the ability to play a high performance game. This was particularly evident in games with Urbandale and Ames, both of which Hoover won. The mens' soccer season was not only productive, but very well organized by a dedicated team of student managers. We'll miss graduating managers; Kari Behn, Cindy Gronert, and Kristina Selander."

Fightin' for it- Junior Colin Johnson fights against Dowling on May 5.

Leadin' the attack- Junior Eric Kintner heads the offense against Lincoln on April 29.

On April 22, the boys traveled to Urbandale. The game proved both teams were equally matched.

At the end of regulation play the score was tied at one. Sophomore Bo Leonard scored the only goal. The teams went into a shoot out.

Sophomore Adam Johnson was in as goalie and stopped three of the five Urbandale shots. For the Huskies, senior Muriz Hodzic and sophomore Kevin Kozitza, scored goals. Hoover won with a 3-2 victory.

"I think the soccer season went pretty well," said Leonard. "We had some communication problems in the beginning but as the season went on we came together as a team."



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photo by Kelly Christopher





photo by Kelly Christopher

Leading the Pack

Scott Johnson



"We worked hard and it all paid off!"

Adam Johnson



"I think we did well this season with the personnel that was available. We should have a good season next year with all our young talent."

Boys' Soccer

7-4

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
2	Ames 0	1	Dowling 5
0	Valley 4	2	SE Polk 1
3	Urbandale 2	1	North 0
2	Newton 3	0	Roosevelt 2
1	Lincoln 0	4	East 0
2	Indianola 0		



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Varsity Boys' Soccer—front row, manager Mike Murphy, Keith Small, Andrew Palmer, Dan Parker, Joe Provateare, Kevin Kozitza, Todd Logsdon, manager Veronica Martinez, manager Cindy Gronert; back row, manager Kristina Selander, coach Jeremy Cooper, Colin Johnson, Muriz Hodzic, Scott Johnson, Adam Johnson, Eric Kintner, Rex Tredway, John Monroe, Andy Marotti, coach Dan Pardock, head coach Patrick Kozitza, coach Russ Vanderhoef.

Battlin' it out— Senior Muriz Hodzic fights for the ball against Lincoln on April 29.

BOYS' SOCCER

BY CARRIE WITTE

HITTING 'EM IN

The 1997 varsity softball team had a very good season. Losing only one senior from the '96 season, the young team had the advantage of playing together last season and also having some players playing varsity their second and even third year in a row. Last season the team was one game away from going to state and with another year of experience, the team was hoping to achieve their main goal of making it to state to represent Hoover.

For senior Kristin Hayes, this was her

third and final year on varsity. "Our team's main goal was to make it to state this year, and when we got everyone on the team to believe this, we knew it was possible. We will have eight returning starters who have all played together for the past two years and have improved immensely over those years," said Hayes.

Fourth year Hoover coach, Wendy Turner, said it was an intense and exciting season and her main goal was also to send the Huskies to state.

Stealin' it all—Freshman Shantoria Young concentrates on getting a good start for her steal.



photo by Samantha Bunn



photo by Samantha Bunn

Varsity Softball 4-10

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
N/A	Indianola N/A	N/A	Indianola N/A
N/A	Valley N/A	N/A	Dowling N/A
0	Dowling 1	0	East 1
3	Ankeny 5	N/A	Roosevelt N/A
0	East 1	N/A	Lincoln N/A
N/A	Roosevelt N/A	N/A	North N/A
1	Lincoln 2	N/A	SE Polk N/A
9	North 0	N/A	Urbandale N/A
3	SE Polk 5		

Talkin' it out—New coaches, Scott Raymond and Jennifer Dean, discuss new game strategies.

Stridin' it out—The varsity team, along with coach Wendy Turner, gets in shape doing their strides before practice.



photo by Samantha Bunn



photo by Tammy Leitch



photo by Tammy Leitch

Hittin' 'em in—Senior DeLaine Burken shows off her batting skills.

Slidin' on in—Freshmen Erica Miller and Stephanie Kelley practice fielding and sliding in the gym on a rainy day.

KNOCKIN' 'EM AROUND

The JV/freshmen softball teams had an exciting season with two new coaches and several returning players from last season to help out the two teams.

First year Hoover coach Scott Raymond was in charge of putting together the freshmen team. Raymond assisted Coach George Wares of Central College for almost three years and enjoyed taking over the freshmen

and working with varsity coach Wendy Turner and first year JV coach Jennifer Dean. Dean is a student and softball player at the University of Northern Iowa.

Freshman Samantha Bunn was brought up to freshmen and JV last season from the eighth grade team. "I was really looking forward to a good season. We had a real competitive team this year," said Bunn.



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Freshmen Softball

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
0	Indianola	12	4 North
3	Dowling	1	3 SE Polk
1	Ankeny	3	4 Dowling
8	East	0	
2	Valley	2	
4	Lincoln	4	

Varsity/JV and freshmen softball—front row, Shayla Hayens, Lisa Bentley, Sara Trammal, Kathi Buckley, Amanda Bolte, Amie Hedrick, Christy Meade; second row, Liz Carey, Katie Gross, Samantha Bunn, Molly Gross, Amanda Camp, Mandi Highland; third row, Kristin Hayes, Amanda Johnson, Stephanie Kelley, Anne Lawrie, coach Wendy Turner, Tammy Leitch, Amy Riessuinger, Nikki Brantley, Amber Wessing; back row, Jennifer Gordon, Dana Hansen, Karen Lueder, Katie Meimann, Megan Strum, DeLaine Burken, Christina Smajd, Amanda Bethards.

TAKIN' THE FIELD

The boys' varsity baseball team started off the 1997 season with a new head coach. Former East assistant Ken Burgess, replaced last year's head coach Mark Chelleen.

The varsity squad had seniors Adam Lueder, Charlie Baumert, Brian Bainbridge, Tim Rech and Ryan Doughan returning from last year's team.

Junior Nick Miller said, "Coach Burgess is a very knowledgeable coach and he'll really help us improve our games."

"I think that we had a pretty solid team. We got some good seniors back and the

underclassmen worked hard to improve. I'm looking forward to next season," sophomore Jason Karaidos said.

The team started the year off at home against Indianola on June 3. They followed that match up with Dowling on June 5.

Junior Matt Woods said, "The team really worked hard this year, and had fun. I think we played pretty well."

Senior Tim Rech said, "I thought the year went real well. The guys that came back for us really stepped up, and played well. It was a very enjoyable year."

Runnin'—Sophomore Jason Karaidos hustles after a loose ball during practice.



photo by Maggie Beavers

Varsity Baseball 6-8

Hoover	Opponent	Hoover	Opponent
W	Indianola	L	Indianola
L	Dowling	W	Ankeny
W	East	L	Dowling
W	Marshalltown	L	East
W	Roosevelt	L	Roosevelt
L	Johnston	W	Valley
L	Lincoln	N/A	Lincoln
L	North	N/A	North
L	SE Polk	N/A	SE Polk



photo by Maggie Beavers

Varsity baseball—front row, Tim Rech, Tony Quinn, Brian Heidan; second row, James Vigon, Brian Bainbridge, Jason Karaidos, Ryan Doughan, Adam Lueder, Nick Miller; back row, Adam Crabb, Matt Woods, Charlie Baumert, Derek Wilcox, T.J. Welton, Grant Noah.

Playin' catch—Juniors T.J. Welton, Grant Noah, Derek Wilcox, and senior Ryan Doughan work on a drill during practice.



photo by Maggie Beavers



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photo by Emily Audlehelm

Catch this—Sophomore Jerome Miller tosses the ball to a fellow teammate during practice.

Throwin' it home — Sophomore Justin Reese throws the rock while teammate Jason Karaidos looks on

H ITTIN' 'EM HOME

Winter has come and gone and the summer is here. The cheers from the stands were heard as the Hoover sophomore and freshman seasons have started.

The start of the new season held individual as well as team goals.

Sophomore Coach Scott Noah said, "Our goals to have 20 wins overall as well as winning our conference."

Individually the boys are setting their goals high. Sophomore Justin Leitch said, "My

goals are to improve on my hitting and anything else that could help the team win."

"I want to become a better all around player by working on my defensive game and my speed," said sophomore Mike Fong.

New to the coaching staff is freshman Coach Matt Carter.

The sophomore season started out with a double-header at Indianola on June 3, while the freshman kicked off the season on June 6 with a game against Johnston.



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Sophomore Baseball—front row, Andy Ginn, Justin Leitch, Nick Horton, Alex Groen, Jerome Miller, John Monroe; second row, Robert Hamill, Sean Murphy, Steve Schnoor, Mike Fong, Pat McCarthy, Justin Reese, Jack Spicer. Not pictured Justin Christian, Joe Jaynes, Tyree Lewis, and Eric Mitchell.



photo by Emily Audlehelm

Hard at work—Sophomore Mike Fong leaves the field after a grueling day of practice.

Makin' the play—Sophomore Nick Horton runs the ball in during a practice.



photo by Emily Audlehelm

SOPH/FROSH BASEBALL
BY MAGGIE BEAVERS

POURIN' IN SPIRIT

From football games to painting posters, the varsity cheerleading squad kept busy during the football season.

Along with cheering at football games and pep assemblies, the squad participated in many other activities throughout the season including the Beaverdale Fall Festival and homecoming week.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the cheerleaders participated in the Beaverdale Fall Fest Parade. The parade traveled from First Federated Church parking lot on Beaver and Franklin to Easter's food store on the corner of Douglas and Beaver. Senior cheerleaders rode in a red convertible owned by senior Colleen Bergman while the rest of the cheerleaders walked behind throwing candy to the crowd. In order to raise funds for the

groups the cheerleaders sold removable paw print tattoos throughout the season along with other spirit novelties during homecoming week.

During homecoming week the girls showed their spirit by participating in the sidewalk painting contest and throwing miniature footballs during the homecoming game. The squad danced to "Everybody Dance Now" at the game and during the assembly. Before school on Friday, Sept. 20, the squad treated varsity football players, coaches, and managers to a homecoming breakfast and fire-ups.

All the football cheerleading squads held a Husky Pups clinic on Tuesday, Oct. 8, for third through eighth grade girls. The Husky Pups performed during halftime in the Hoover/Urban-dale game on Friday, Oct. 11.

Gettin' ready—Cheerleaders and coach Debbie Stetson get ready to cheer.

Shoutin' out—Seniors Geneva Moore and Amy Kneller lead a cheer.



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Leading the Pack

Amy Kneller



and enjoyed the season."

"The cheerleading football season was really great this year! We learned a lot of new cheers and stunts. Overall everyone improved



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Varsity Football Cheerleaders—front row, Kristin Johnson, Charlene Meyer, Megan Smith, Jennifer Crandell; second row, Amy Kneller, Christina Burner, Angela Walker; back row, Courtney McCormick, Kourtney Horner, Shayla Haynes, Bridget Evans.

Pumpin' it up—Senior Shayla Haynes and Courtney McCormick pump up the crowd during an assembly.



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Cheerin' loud—Freshmen Sarah Lerdal, Patrice Williams, and Traci Boals practice a cheer.

Strechin' out—Sophomore Heidi Hotopp stretches out in the student center after school before practice.

KEEPIN' SPIRIT HIGH

The sophomore and freshmen football squads stayed active throughout their season to try and keep up school spirit. There were many activities to keep the school involved.

The squads participated in the Beaverdale Fall Festival parade on Saturday, Sept. 14, with the varsity cheerleaders.

Captain of the freshman squad, Sarah Lerdal, said, "I have to say that the freshmen squad began the year as a group of individuals who came together in the end to work as a team. We all had a lot of fun. There will be great memories for all of us; we can't wait until next

year to try out."

During Homecoming week the squads painted the sidewalks and supported the football teams, along with other sports, with posters and locker decorations. They also sold spirit novelties. During the season the freshman squad also put on a cheerleading demonstration at King Elementary.

Sophomore captain, Kristin Sokugawa, said, "This year's season went fairly well. We had a few minor squabbles, but that is to be expected. I think it was as enjoyable experience for all of us."



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Sophomore Football Cheerleaders—front row, Heidi Hotopp, Liz Bierma; back row, Casey Chacon, Tiffany Deheer, Heather Thomas. Not pictured—Kristin Sokugawa.



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Freshmen Football Cheerleaders—front row, Patrice Williams, Christiane Wilson; second row, Sarah Lerdal, Nicole Schrader; back row, Kristina O'Deay, Traci Boals.

Roughin' it up—Freshmen Kristina O'Deay, Michelle Meyer, and Sarah Lerdal practice a stunt in the student center after school.



photo by Michelle Hirsch

SOPH/FROSH CHEERLEADERS

BY NICOLE BROWN

CHEERIN' 'EM ON

The '97 basketball cheerleaders had a full season. As is every year, the squad's main goal was to bring spirit to the student body. The two squads, consisting of six girls each, helped to bring spirit within the student body and a lot of support for the Huskies, not just at games and assemblies, but also outside of Hoover.

The squad's first performance was on Dec. 6. The routine was done to Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas" and the cheerleaders were dressed in Christmas boxers. They also threw candy canes to the crowd.

For the third year, the basketball cheerleaders conducted a cheerleading clinic for elementary students in grades 3-8 called the

"Husky Pups." The 60-some pups practiced Jan. 20 and learned three cheers and then performed at half-time with all the '97 cheerleaders on Jan. 21.

Finally, the Huskies completed the season with a dance at the Student of All Seasons Assembly on Feb. 21 and also at halftime at the Lincoln game that evening. The dance, done to "Que Pasa", was full of stunts and basket tosses. The performance completed the season for the Huskies.

"Varsity has really worked hard on stunting this year and our Feb. 21 dance was exceptional. We all work really well together and everyone gets along; it's like a family. We've just had an awesome year! I'm sad to see this season end," Coach Deb Stetson said.

Yellin' it all—DeLaine Burken, Melissa Christie, and Amy Kneller yell to get the crowd on its feet.

Cheerin' em' on—DeLaine Burken and Melissa Christie cheer on the Huskies on Feb. 27.



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Varsity basketball cheerleaders—front row, DeLaine Burken, Tiffany Camus, Katie Bierma; back row, Melissa Christie, Amy Kneller.



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Varsity basketball cheerleaders—front row, Kathi Buckley, Erica Hanlon, Allison Musser; back row, Nga Lam, Ann Marie Hansen.

Do the twist—The varsity basketball cheerleaders propel Erica Hanlon into the air as they execute their opening stunt at the Student of All Seasons assembly on Feb. 21.



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Freshmen pride—Freshman Megan Matussi strides to do a cartwheel as her teammates cheer behind her at the Indianola game on Feb. 1.

Firing 'em up—The sophomore squad gets the crowd fired up at North on Feb. 14.

SPREADIN' THE SPIRIT

The sophomore and freshmen cheerleaders started the season with learning cheers and ended the season teaching the cheers to the Husky crowds. They taught cheers not only to the Hoover home crowd but also to the "Husky Pups". The sophomore and freshmen squads helped with the Pups clinic and performed at half time on Jan. 21 with the varsity basketball and wrestling cheerleaders.

The freshmen squad had the task of learning all of the cheers for their very first season.

"Basketball cheerleading went really

well this year. It was really fun, and it was a good experience. My favorite game was a girl's home game against Roosevelt. It was a really intense game because they only lost by a basket," freshman Nicole Ertmann said.

The sophomore squad was split into two groups in order to have cheerleaders at both boys' and girls' games.

"This cheerleading season went really well. We gave it our all and worked well together. There isn't any fun moment in particular. The whole season was a blast!" sophomore Jessica Lovejoy said.



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Sophomore basketball cheerleaders—front row, Kristen Gibson, Jessica Lovejoy, Michalle Hirsch; back row, Tonya Halstead, Jennifer Reed.



photo by Mullica

Freshmen basketball cheerleaders—front row, Shannon Rosamond, Stephanie Healy, Megan Matussi, Nicole Ertmann; top, Anisha Bryant.

Giving their all—The sophomores' teamwork is shown through their stunts on Jan. 23 at the Lincoln game.



photo by Missy Priest

SOPH/FROSH CHEERLEADERS
BY MISSY PRIEST

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P ACKIN' IN SPIRIT

Four girls made up the 1996-1997 varsity wrestling cheerleading squad. Those four girls were: Colleen Bergman, Jennifer Howe, April Taylor, and Amanda Young. They all received Academic Honor Awards, for a combined Grade Point Average of 3.8 at the end of the season.

They began the season with three practices a week after school. When the meets began, they had one practice per week, plus the tournaments. Some of the invitationals took all day, but the dual meets tended to be shorter.

"The girls had a really great season," said coach Debbie Stetson, "We all went up to Boone for Districts and just enjoyed supporting the team."

Before some of the meets the squad would get together to eat and have fun. Senior night was held on Feb. 7, where the girls received

flowers and recognition. The wrestling banquet, also honoring the cheerleaders, was held on March 12.

Stetson said the seniors would be a great loss. Seniors on the squad included April Taylor and Colleen Bergman.

"The wrestling season went really well. It started off rough for us, but we stuck together until the end. It was really great getting to know and watch the wrestling team," Taylor said.

"We had a lot of ups and downs as a squad, but in the end we showed what we were really made of. It was a lot of hardwork but a lot of fun," Bergman said.

"Cheerleading was a lot of fun. Sometimes the meets were kind of long, but it was worth it. We enjoyed cheering at the meets and supporting the team as much as we could," said sophomore Amanda Young.



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Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders—front row, April Taylor, Colleen Bergman; back row, Emily Doro, Amanda Young, Jennifer Howe.

Clappin' for victory—Sophomore Amanda Young, senior Colleen Bergman, junior Emily Doro, and senior April Taylor do a cheer at the Lincoln Dual on Feb. 1.



photo by Kelly Christopher

Cheerin' 'em on—The cheerleaders watch as the Hoover member wrestles.



photo by Kelly Christopher

Standin' to cheer—The cheerleaders stand to cheer at the Lincoln dual.



photo by Kelly Christopher



photo by Steve Whitney



photo by Steve Whitney

Team dancin'— Together the drill team performs for their peers.

Waitin' to begin— The drill team keeps their audience in suspense.



photo by Steve Whitney

K E E P I N ' THE BEAT

In the 1996-1997 school year the Hoover drill team continued performing for their third season in a row.

However, these are not girls who just got into the spotlight out of nowhere. These girls have worked hard to get to where they are today. Many times during the season the team can be found practicing their routines as early as 6 a.m. and after school until the sun goes down. These girls are lucky, if during the drill team season, they even see the sunrise.

Senior co-captain Teon Gunn explained why she joined drill team and what she

liked about it by saying, "It's a new experience and kind of challenging at times. It gives you a chance to perform."

This year's spectators were able to find the drill team performing during halftimes at the varsity football games as well as halftime at varsity basketball games. They also marched in the Drake and Beaverdale parades. While attending state contest many of the girls received a one, which is the highest you can get.

Instructor Mary Ann Spicer said, "They seemed to love working with each other and that's important."



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Swayin' the pack — Senior Teon Gunn dances across the floor.

Feelin' the beat — Senior co-captains Maria Hill, Teon Gunn and freshman Kari Messerschmidt get into the music.

DRILL TEAM

BY CARRIE STACKHOUSE

FACE TO FACE

Take a minute out of your life and look around. Observe the surroundings; more specifically the people surrounding *you*.

Take note of the hundreds of different faces and personalities that make up the core of the school. The faces you see are responsible for creating the school's image. From the faculty to the students, these people are a part of the school and a part of every other individual's daily lives.

The faces you see are not just the faces of your classmates and the faculty staff. These faces represent the diversity and individuality of each person's personality and interests. These differences work together to create an atmosphere and an image which makes the school unique.

The faces you see, faculty and students both, are constantly contributing to their school in different ways. Some of these people do not receive the credit they deserve and others deserve all the credit they get. Others just take pride in being a part of the school. Whatever your role is, you can be sure that you are contributing in some way.

Our school has seen a variety of changes. The student population has increased considerably to 1,236, the largest number in the history of the school. Several new faculty members have also joined the staff. Each of these people have a spot on these pages.

Observe closely what lies ahead of you on the following PEOPLE pages. The faces and quotes you see are just a reminder of your memories; let your brain piece the rest of the memories together. When you flip through the following pages keep in mind that these faces, along with yours, are what makes the school thrive.

Headin' home— Junior

Grant Noah and senior

Tom Berger exit the

school grounds along with

other students at the end of

a long day.





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Campaign trail— Senior Jay Brommel puts the finishing touches on one of his many campaign posters. Brommel ran for president during the Senior Board elections held during the previous year.

Faculty



Joan Adams
M.M.D. Assoc.



Laura Ahrendt
Journalism



Kirstin Anneberg
Foreign Language



Kent Babcock
I.S.S.



Anne Backstrom
Science Assoc.



Jan Callan Mashek
Counselor



Phil Carlson
Social Science



Amparo Carney
ESL



Joseph Chargualaf
ROTC



Derek Claussen
Orchestra



Max Duvall
Political Science



John Eller
English



Susan Farrell
Attendance Clerk



Chris Gammell
Family Sciences



Jerry Gay
Mathematics



Donna Gronstal
Bookkeeper



Eric Hall
Science



Rick Hammen
Computer App.



Linda Hart
Attendance Clerk



Jane Hildenbrand
Political Science



Denis Hildreth
Fine Arts



Ramona Holm
Library Clerk



Pat Kearney
Band



Chris Knee
Industrial Tech



Steve Koch
Social Science



Pat Lawler
Business



Hai Le
Science



Jerry Leventhal
Language Arts



Dave Linder
Physical Education



Wastin' some time—Bobby Vermillion and Nikki Davis chat in between classes.

Chattin' away—Physical Education teachers Debbie Stetson, Ron Peterson, and Steve Lundholm prepare for the next class to arrive.



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Chet Culver
Social Science



Dennis Cumpston
Vice Principal



Ed Davis
Campus Monitor



Dick Doughan
Athletic Director



Barb Getting
Special Education



Sherri Gish
Special Education



Ann Grant
Social Science



Bill Griffin
ESL

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Richard Homard
Mathematics



Ann Hughey
Special Education



Francine Jackman
Registrar



Tina Jacobus
Foreign Language



Barb Jamison
Mathematics



Robert Jankovitz
Counselor



Kirk Johnson
Language Arts



Janie Losee
Health assoc.



Tom Ludwig
Science



Steve Lundholm
Physical Education



Joe Martinez
ROTC



Betty Mathers
Art



Bill McCollaugh
Principal



Mark McConeghey
Campus Monitor

Faculty



Ron McHone
Counselor



Joan Mickle
M.M.D. Assoc.



Don Murphy
Science



Leonard Mussell
New Horizons



Vinh Nguyen
Mathematics



Beth Owens
Mathematics



Rich Parker
Social Science



Don Perschau
Science



Ron Peterson
Physical Education



De Anne Petts
Special Education



Bette Prey
Language Arts



Dennis Ramsey
Vice -Principal



Judy Renoux
Computer App.



Robert Reynolds
S.W.S



DawnDa Roney
Mathematics



Billy Stone
Vice Principal



Kirsten Varnum Teeter
Career Pathways



Glenda Thomason
Secretary



Dave Thrasher
Media Associate



Carolyn Thune
Mathematics



Russ Vanderhoef
Language Arts



Linda Vanderpool
Vocal Music



Roberta Vermillion
P.D. Associate



Diane Viviano
Learning Center



Bob Wilkerson
Art



Miriam Woods
Science



Doing her part— Bette Prey helps student Joe Provatore as he is feeling ill.

Punchin' in numbers— Principal Bill McCollough works diligently in his office, before another school day ends.



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Janiece Ochoa
ESL



Pamela Oster
Language Arts



Pam Pilcher
Librarian



Marty Pillers
Counselor



Bobby Sandquist
Learning Center



Emily Sawyer
Counselor Clerk



Mary Slater
Foreign Language



MaryAnn Spicer
Language Arts



Debbie Stetson
Physical Education

Then and Now . . .

Can you guess who these people are?

A.



B.



Answers. (A) Steve Koch. (B) Mary Slater

Not Pictured

Barbara Bell, Custodian
John Beyer, Custodian
Derek Claussen, Orchestra
Ed Crutcher, Custodian
Judy Deutch, Visually Impaired
Cindy Grandquist, Special Education
Gerald Hollingsworth, Foreign Language
Debra Hunsley, Custodian
Pat Johnston, Secretary
Cousonh Khamtanh, Custodian
Maurice LaMay, Custodian
Jerry Lewis, Custodian
Charlotte Rembolt, Nurse
Stephaine Stegman, Family Sciences
Francis Thoma, Custodian
Larry Thompson, Custodian
Jeorjette Twogood, Custodian
Lee Wahlert, ROTC
Erdyne Whiteside, B.D. Associate
Elizabeth Wilson, Social Science
Wanda Wilson, Custodian
Nancy Winebrenner, IMMC

Pack of 2000

The class of 2000 began high school in the fall of 1996. The class was finally freshmen and on their way through high school. The four year journey to their graduation day in the year 2000 had begun.

These new faces could be found almost anywhere, wandering about their new high school. As most freshmen in the past, they learned quickly not to ask upperclassmen questions.

A random survey was taken, asking how freshmen felt about upperclassmen. 55 percent answered that upperclassmen were all right. 23 percent didn't care about the survey. 16 percent said that upperclassmen were their best buddies. And 6 percent responded that upperclassmen were horrible creatures that live to torture freshmen.

The freshmen became involved in many activities as the school year continued. They tried

to pack in as many extra-curricular activities as possible.

The freshmen class was packed with over 350 students. In fact, the class was so large that it was the biggest in the school. With large numbers in class sizes, the classrooms were packed as well. Still many cited that school still mattered.

"If money isn't green, school isn't important," said Joey Ashby.



Naem Abdullah



Marina Aguayo



Christopher Anderson



Jaime Arrieta



Joseph Ashby



Jasminka Atajic



Sabiha Atajic



Tracy Atess



Josh Avery



Trista Baccam



Branka Bajic



Heather Bash



Donna Bates



Charles Beebe



Morgan Bell



Nwandu Bell



Casildo Bello



Michael Benson



Ericka Blake



Tracie Boals



Brent Bockoven



Megan Boesen



Omar Bojorquez



Sherena Bolden



Shannon Bolte



Sasa Borcic



Amanda Bradley



Lillie Bradley

How do you feel about upperclassmen?

How do you feel about high school?



55% They are all right.

23% Who cares?

16% They are my best buddies.

6% They are horrible creatures that live to torture us.

64% It's a lot better than being in middle school.

17% It's the best time of my life.

14% We're in high school now?

5% It really sucks, I'm no longer "da bomb"!



Raechel Bradley



Marc Brooks



Joseph Brott



Isaiah Brown



Nyeisha Browne



Anisha Bryant



Jerry Buckley



Samatha Bunn



Haley Burford



Brandon Burgan



Christopher Burkard



Elizabeth Burt



Lindsay Burn



Sharee Burton



Sidney Butler



Roxana Caballero



Brian Call



David Camacho



Melissa Carlson



Justin Carr



Lonnie Carter



William Carter



Andrew Casner



Shazasha Cason



Rafael Castero



Phillip Cavan



Tiffany Cavanaugh



Sisavart Chanthaphon

FRESHMEN

BY CARRIE WITTE

Hiding away—
Freshmen Michelle
Jackovich and Sherry
VanZee try to hide in a
locker to avoid having
their picture taken on
Nov. 25.



Quyen Chau



Adrienne Chirch



Brian Clark



Sara Cline



Tracy Cochran



Michael Collet



Mario Colin



Jason Coltrain



photo by Carrie Witte



Joshua Colwill



James Cook



Ryan Cooper



Chase Coppi



Zachary Cozad



Jeremiah Crabb



Tuong Dam



Jevon Dameron



Vanessa Daniels



Phung Dao



Amanda Darr



Cesar Davalos



Aaron Davis



Brady Davis



Reginald Davis



Admir Dedic



Fedha Dedic



Nathinda Dellanepenh



Phong Deo



Dianna Deskin



Nanthida Deuanepenh



Headin' to class—
Freshmen Sara Parker,
Nikki Skladzien, and
Jessica Neff walk down
the hall on Nov. 25.

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Daniel Dinnauer



Munchelo Dock



Gene Dow



Gerrad Downs



Joshua Dreyer



Gary Duff



Benjamin Duke



Daniele Edmond



Derek Eidson



Bryan Erickson



Nicole Ertmann



David Farlow



Adam Fetters



Kelly Findley



Falishsa Flatt



Benjamin Ford



Stephanie Foreman



Michael Fosdick



Abby Foster



Jacob Frahm



Matthew Frazer



Jennifer French



Lindsay Gannon



Jose Garcia



Kathryn Gay



Stratton George



Steve Gibbs



Teaondra Gilkey



Ricardo Girdon



David Glenn

FRESHMEN

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Eating lunch—
Freshmen Amanda
Tripp, Megan Strum,
and Meredith Jones eat
first lunch on Nov. 25.



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Cindia Gomes



Laverne Greenfield



Bonald Guerra



Franz Guerra



Juvenal Guerrero



Juvenal Guerrero



Tierra Gunn



Justin Hadsall



Ah'sha Hall



Ulyssa Hampton



Bryan Harper



Bethany Harris



Dylan Harris



Sydnei Harris



Shamekia Harston



Brendetta Hawkins



Delano Hayes



Jed Hayes



Marshon Haynes



Anthony Hays



Stephanie Healy



Brandon Heidt



Candace Hemphill



Jasmine Henderson



Fernando Hernandez



Luis Herrera



Khean Ho



Eldin Hodzic



Erin Holler



Diandra Holmes



Chad Holtz



Hanging out—
Freshmen visit at their lockers during first lunch on Nov. 25.

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Sara Horn



Elizabeth Hotka



Daniel Howard



Nathan Howell



Stephen Hurst



Duyen Huynh



Monique Hymel



Tinela Ieukie



Sokira Ieng



Sokiry Ieng



Mustafa Ikeljic



Zeina Ikeljic



Malnika Irvin



Michelle Jackovich



Jacqueline Jackson



Steven James



Aaron Jamison



Meredith Jones



Matthew Jorgenson



Jill Kanealy



Nathan Karaidos



Meghan Kelso



Felisha King



Lisa Kirch



Joanna Kirstein



Sparkle Kittrell



Shauna Kline



Joshua Kniesly



Jake Knight

FRESHMEN

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Free Time—Some freshmen boys take a minute to talk during second lunch on Nov. 25.



Amanda Kreyling



Jordan Krueger



Christopher Kuhn



Aaron Kuiken



Steven Lackey



Graham Laird



Duong Lam



Justin Lamar



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Tristian Landers



Ryan Laudick



Timothy Lawson



Chris Leewright



Tony Leguizamo



Sarah Lerdal



Patrick Liddy



Michael Livingston



Mandi Lockridge



Ashley Logan



Consuelo Lopez



Gustavo Lopez



Caulinez Lovan



Andrea Lozano



Erica Lozano



Jason Ludwick



Dieu Luong



Tam Luong



Buddy Magnuson



Kishma Mangra



Daniel March



Workin'—Freshmen Joanna Kirstein and Shauna Kline work on a lab in Miriam Wood's Earth Science class on Nov. 25.

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Andrew Marotti



Leah Marsell



Jessica Marselle



Michael Martin



Misael Martinez



Heather Mason



Meagan Mattiussi



Jeremiah May



Galen Mayes



Jesus Mayorga



Shaun Modernott



Terrence Modonald



Isis Mendias



Miriam Mendias



Amy Mertes



Kari Messerschmidt



Michelle Meyer



Erica Miller



Victor Miranda



Alexey Mironenko



John Molloy



Christopher Mosier



Immanuel Mosley



Justin Mulvihill



Juan Murillo



Vahid Musinovich



John Nadler



Jessica Neff



Emily Neve



Nhung Ngo

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Sittin' around—
Freshmen Andrew
Marotti and Chad Holtz
wait for the bell to ring
on Nov. 25.



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Hoai Nguyen



Hoang Nguyen



Hoang Nguyen



Thao Nguyen



Thao Nguyen



Kristina O'Deay



Eva Ordaz



Sara Ostrander



Erica Owen



Augustin Padilla



Sara Parker



Tia Parker



Stanley Patton



Fredrick Pearson



Alex Peer



Gloria Perez



Kourtney Perry



Joseph Peterson



William Peterson



Melissa Petty



Steven Petty



Cynthia Pham



Ngoc Phan



Rachel Pokos



Ryan Pollock



John Potter



Amber Pritchard



Mark Quiner



Judith Quinones



Ramiro Ramos



Lisha Robinson



Checkin' it out—
Freshmen Amanda
Kreyling and Lisha
Robinson admire past
Hall of Famers on Nov.
25.



Llerena Roaha



Tonya Rodriquez



Amy Roe



William Rosewall



Sead Rosic



Stephen Rude



Juan Ruiz



Daniel Rushing



Cara Russell



Yalana Russell



Azra Sabic



Pamela Salazar



Carlos Sanchez



Jr. Sandoval



Niki Scharping



Jon Schoenenberger



Nicole Schrader



Paul Scott



Eric Selander



Lejila Serdarovic



Jacob Shannon



Jon Sharp



Matthew Sheaffer



Joshua Sieglaff



Lashawnda Salliman



Amy Simpson



Nikki Skladzien



Codi Sloan



Lissa Slotterback

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Leadin' the pack—
The freshmen basketball
cheerleaders practice af-
ter school on Nov. 25.



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Shanetha Smith



Gus Spearman



Misty Spencer



Ethan St.Clair



Leea Stanley



Caleb Steenman



Latrina Steverson



Andrew Stoltze



Megan Strum



Anna Suckow



Theresa Talley



Terysha Talon



Nathan Thiese



Laddavanh Thipyothin



Melissa Thompson



Temeshia Thompson



Keith Tilton



Joseph Tippins



Robert Tolson



Amanda Tripp



Raean VanGundy



Rachel VanRavenhorst



Sherry VanZee



Emily Vance



Ana Vasquez



Fabricio Vasquez



Sarah Ward



Frederick Ware



BJ Weber



Forest Weber



Harold Webster



Beth Weiberg



Sarah White



Janell Williams



Julie Williams



Patrice Williams



Reginald Williams



Christiane Wilson



Alexa Woody



Shantoria Young



Anthony Ziegler

Not Pictured

Ervin Alagic

Valerie Gravitt

Julie Molitor

Daniel Alvarado

Sherri Hall

Juan Nieto

Ashley Brown

Ophelia Harris

Cproma Rapa

Glenda Brown

Deandre Hawkins

Robert Rolark

Jerri Carr

Herminio Hernandez

Julio Rosales

Michael Constantine

Aide Huerta

Shannon Rosamond

Shonethia Covington

Rachael Johansen

Portia Ross

Zachary Decker

Tiffany Karasienski

Rodrigo Sanchez

Devon Dewitt

Joshua Lamar

Tony Sihavong

Arnela Dubinovic

Denise LeeTerrino

Kimberly Taylor

Lashunda Evans

Kenneth Mason

Elizabeth Torres

Latoys Evans

Antonio Mayorga

Teresa Turner

Jorge Flores

Michael McCoy

Jessica Williams

Juan Garcia

Bruce Merrifield

Yeni Garcia

Oscar Meza

FRESHMEN

BY CARRIE WITTE

Packed for time

This year most sophomores are thinking about college, packin' in the homework, and studying during most of their free time. Well, not all sophomores are thinking only of homework.

During their sophomore year, people become more involved, with sports and work, on top of all the homework. If these busy sophomores are not at school activities or studying, Michelle Brockman said, "I'm usually at work."

But Cheri Reynolds said, "During the running season I'm usually here until five o'clock,

later on meet nights."

There are, however, some who are planning on going to college, and are trying to fit all necessary classes into their busy schedules.

Dan Connet said, "I'm hopefully going to college, but I'm trying to fit all I need into my cluttered schedule."

With so much to do and very little time and space, some spend their free time "SLEEPING", said Michelle Brockman.

Or as other people do "just hanging out with friends," said Cheri Reynolds.



Najua Abdallah



Gustavo Aguayo



Ricardo Aguayo



Doris Alvarez



Arely Amaya



Marina Anaya



Aurtorrio Anderson



Naomi Anderson



Marlen Arias



Emily Audlehelm



Michelle Bailey



David Bannister



Timothy Barnes



Jennifer Baumert



Nicolas Bedord



Nwandu Bell



Thomas Bennett



Elizabeth Bierma



Crystal Billings



Emily Boatwright



Matthew Boudewyns



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Girl Talk- Taking a break before their next period, Michalle Hirsch, and Lindsay Kelly chat while Michelle Brockman and Tiffany DeHeer listen in.

Using their time- Brent Thornburg, Shannon Wade and Kristin Sokugawa quickly finish up their worksheet before the bell rings during Biology I class.



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Maren Braaksma



Brandon Bracelin



Jerald Brantley



James Bray



Michelle Brockman



Maya Brommel



Alicia Brooks



Nicole Bryant



Tiffany Burford



Jermaine Burkett



Brad Burnquist



Traci Camp



Brandon Camus



Elizabeth Carey



Armando Centeno



Casey Chacon



Francisco Chambers



Jeremy Chirch



Laura Clark



Mario Colin



William Cone

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Dan Connet



Shonethia Corington



Isata Dabo



Greg Danielson



Mark Dante



Nicole Davis



Ramonte Davis



Tiffany DeHeer



Monica Delgado



Justin Deutmeyer



Allison Doherty



Liberty Dunn



Sandra Dzankovic



Stephen Eggley



Joshua Emerson



Michelle Evans



Kristopher Fenrich



Crystal Findly



J.R. Fitzgerald



Michael Flippo



Chad Floden



Michael Fong



Michelle Foote



Claude Frazier



Christine Frost



Christopher Funk



John Gaps



Jared Garcia



Jamie Gasaway



Kristopher Gebert



Brian Geyer



Bradley Gibson



Kristen Gibson



Andrew Ginn



David Glenn



Maria Gomez

Taking a break-
Michelle Brockman turns from her partner Eric Sharp to chat with some friends during Beth Eilers Spanish II class.





Maroby Gonzalez



Jennifer Gordon



Lasondra Graham



Angela Grant



Christina Grant



Shaya Graves



Debra Green



Alex Groen



Molly Gross



Anita Halfwassen



Jeremiah Haldin



Tonya Halstead



Robert Hamill



Sherwinter Harper



Glenn Harris



Saul Headquist



Dana Heles



Sarah Hensley



Jeffery Hensyl



Jose Herrera



Bartholomew Herron



Lawrence Heuermann



Ira Hicks



Amanda Highland



Stephanie Hill



Terrance Hill



Michalle Hirsch



Edina Hodzic



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Joshua Hoffman



Jerzy Hofman



Nicholas Horton



Heidi Hotopp



Jonathon Howell



Olga Ilitskaya



Pasith Inthlangsy



Maurice Jackson

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Joey Jaynes



Adam Johnson



Andrew Johnson



Derek Johnson



Jason Johnston



Kristen Jones



Nancy Jones



Steven Jones



Tara Jones



Francisco Jurado



Tierra Kaiser



Edina Kalabic



Jason Karaidos



Michelle Kasper



Lindsay Kelly



Adia Kinnetz



Danae Kinzel



Beata Kot



Kevin Kozitza



Jason Kramersmeier



Kristopher Kuilema



James Larue



Hoang Le



Andrea Lee



Justin Leitch



Bo Leonard



Tyree Lewis



Nathaniel Logan



Todd Logsdon



Alomsavanh Lothi



Jessica Lovejoy



Melissa Mallette



Stephanie Mann



Mary Maples



John Martin



Alan Martinez



Laura Martinez



Misael Martinez



Veronica Martinez



Kenneth Mason



Latasha Matlock



Holly Mayer



Pat McCarthy



Michelle McCoy



Brooke McFarland



Cameo McGregor



Christine Meade



Kathleen Meimann



Brenda Mendez



Renata Merrifield



Oscar Meza



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a n d G r e g
D a n i e l s o n
t e a m u p
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Jerome Miller



George Miller



Eric Mitchell



Holly Moeller



Michael Mohler



John Monroe



Rudy Morales



Lejla Mujic



Jeffrey Muleya



Michael Murphy



Sean Murphy



Aaron Murray



James Murray



Vahid Musinovic



Katherine Musser



Emira Napreljac



Michael Navin



Robert Nentl



Ha Nguyen



Son Nguyen



Eric Nichols

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Christy Niebes



Ramon Nieves



Brett Obraza



Thad O'Brien



Shari Ostreko



Marla Padilla



Andrew Palmer



Philip Pedashov



Shane Peer



Maria Perez



Jared Peterson



Sue Peterson



Alexander Pickett



Lona Porter



Miroslav Pranjekovic



Ben Proffitt



Tony Quinn



Rachel Rand



James Reagh



Jennifer Reed



Johari Reed

How do you Rate?

Do you completely spaz? Take the quiz and find out!

1. You are walking down the hallway and your bag explodes. You...

a. Run screaming through the halls in terror; your crush was behind you.

b. Act smooth; who really cares anyway?

c. Quickly pick up your books and hope all day that no one remembers.

2. You decide to eat in the lunchroom. As you approach the table you slip on some apple sauce and your food flies. You...

a. Turn red, chuck your tray at the wall, and storm out.

b. Get up, put your shirt around your waist, and get another tray of food.

c. Stand up and go tell the nurse you need to go home.

3. You are playing soccer in gym when some geek kicks the ball at your head. You...

a. Start screaming at them and throw it back at *their* heads.

b. Shrug it off; they really didn't mean to.

c. Give them a nasty look and go tell your problems to Coach Pete.

4. In the hall you tap someone on the shoulder thinking you know them, but it's not them. Feeling dumb, you...

a. Rudely ask them what they think they're looking at and shove them.

b. Blushing, say you're sorry and then quickly walk ahead.

c. Act like you didn't do it and look away.

5. In computer lab your computer won't turn on. Without thinking, you flip the switch, turning everyone's computer off. You...

a. Panic and then blame it on Mr. Hammen.

b. Beg for forgiveness and say you're sorry 5,001 times.

c. Deny it and say you were working the whole time.

Now whip out your calculator and add up your answers...

a-1; b-3; c-2

15-11

If your answers were this high then you need to *calm* down. If you are walking down the hallway and your bag explodes, don't worry. If you make a huge scene then you ruin your chances of someone helping you.

10-8

So you're doing okay. At least you aren't throwing a tray at the wall or screaming through the halls. You probably take things very well, and get along with everyone. Good for you.

7-5 or below

Good job! You're doing well, and you take things with stride. If you scored below five then you counted wrong.



Justin Reese



Joel Reyes



Cheri Reynolds



Seamus Riordan



Jeremy Ritter



Octavio Rocha



Derrick Rogers



Olivia Roth



Michelle Ryan



Matt Sample



Cesar Sanchez



Luis Sanchez



Donica Saunders



Steven Schnoor



Latoya Scott



Jared Shadoan



Eric Sharp



John Sharp



Carly Shaw



Melissa Shinn



Christina Sheppard



Traci Skinner



Natalie Smith



Shannon Smith



Jonathan Soike



Kristin Sokugawa



Sammy Song



Tony Soto



Jack Spicer



Erin Spoerl



Colby Springer



Geni Stanley



Thomas Starnes



Jason Stetson



Mark Stites



Catherine Stokes



Sommer Stokka



Bruce Stoltze



Julie Stumbo



Mary Sullivan



David Swift



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Heather Thomas



Daniel Vargas



Cortney Thompson



Brent Thornburg



Autumn Towne



Phong Tran



Amber Troyer



Michael Turner



Julieth Ubah



Gerson Vasquez



Shannon Vick



Gabriela Villarreal



Tien Vo



Amy Waggoner



Dawn Waggoner



Melissa Wahlert



Keith Ward



Keona Ward



Dameeka Weber



Peaches Weber



Natassia Welch



Jennifer Welter



Jeffery Wheeler



Loretta White



Rhessa Wickersham



Varel Wiley



Nalgeree Williams



Virginia Williams



Nakisha Winfrey



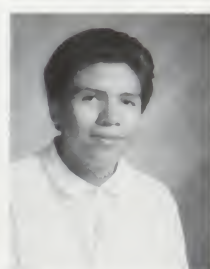
Carrie Witte



Archie Wyman



Amanda Young



Oscar Zenteno



Catching up-
Justin Leitch,
T o n y a
Halstead and
Liz Carey lis-
ten to Alex
Groen and
Traci Skinner
go over the
day's gossip.

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Not Pictured

Adam Argo

Quinton Hampton

Andre Mitchell

Vitali Boukhtoulov

Joel Hanen

Tien Phan

Rafael Castro

Norma Hernandez

Kimberly Renee

Evelyn Garrison

Adnan Kudumovic

Ann Sheibley

Angela Green

Jasmine Little

Mario Soto

Bonald Guerva

Erica Lozano

Patrick Stolki

Luis Guzman

Leading the pack

The junior class stood out among all the other classes at Hoover because so many members dedicated their spare time to after-school and extracurricular activities.

An example of this was the girls' swimming team, which had a total of 27 girls, 11 of which were juniors. The 1996-97 varsity volleyball team had 15 girls and eight were juniors. There were nearly 60 people who participated in concert choir this year and the number of juniors was nearly 30.

Many juniors also focused on aca-

demics. Out of a total of 127 Hoover students to receive academic letters, 46 of them were juniors. Also 29 juniors were members of NHS out of 85.

"Some words that come to mind when I think of the junior class compared to all the others are high energy, positive, and they have a love for all students," said vice-principal Billie Stone.

"The junior class, as a whole, has shown a tremendous amount of leadership. Coaching and observing athletics here at Hoover has allowed me to witness athletes of the junior class participate as sophomores in situations usually reserved for juniors and seniors. This class should

be proud of the intestinal fortitude it has displayed in its efforts to excel and succeed in extracurricular activities as well as in the classroom," said Don Hatcher, the varsity girls' new basketball coach.

Even some members of the sophomore class said they feel being behind the junior class is not necessarily a good thing.

"It sucks being behind the junior class because, as sophomores, we can never play varsity sports because we are following one of the best classes to ever pass through Hoover," said sophomore Jason Karaidos.



Arturo Aguayo



Yecenia Aguayo



Latonya Allen



Carlos Alvarado



Lauran Anderson



Nick Anderson



Sarah Anderson



Joshua Andrews



Monica Ayala



Luke Bailiff



Ryan Baldwin



Andrew Bash



Brenda Bass



Maggie Beavers



Ajlin Bejtovic



Christopher Bengtson



Traci Bengtson



Jenny Bennett



Amanda Bolte



Charles Bradley



Kristin Bray



Laura Breeher



Thomas Briggs



Jacob Brott



Devin Brown



Tiffany Brown



Duriel Browne



Shauntez Bruce



photo by Karen Lueder

Havin' a good time—Juniors Tiffany Oakley, Jodi Helton and Ann Marie Hansen hang out in the student center after school.

Munchin' away—Juniors Isaac Emerson and Miguel Carrasco concentrate on their food at lunch in the west cafeteria.



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Christina Burner



Talia Burnett



Erik Butler



Amanda Butts



Abbie Campbell



Holly Canine



Chau Cao



William Caraway



Sara Carlson



Miguel Carrasco



Justin Carter



Eboniece Cason



Sia Cason



Jennifer Cassady



Tony Brundage



David Buckley



Jennifer Buckroyd

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Taeng-Orn Chanthapon



Kikkeu Chanthavong



Kevin Chenoweth



Melissa Christie



Robert Cinnamon



Craig Clark, Jr.



Kimberly Clark



Rob Clark



Johnita Clemons



Robert Cochran



Deven Cole



Candy Coleman



Darla Collier



Keith Collier



Shayna Conner



Joelle Coons



Adam Crabb



Jennifer Crandell



Nate Curl



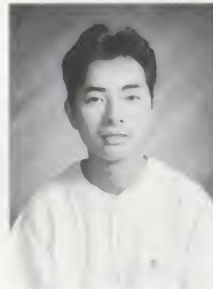
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Jason Danielson



Van Dao



Nisvet Dedie



Jeremy Dingman



Lance Dixon



Maja Dobra



Emily Doro



Lyssa Dusenbery



Rina Eckard



Adam Emerson



Isaac Emerson



Damion Erwin



Andrew Farley

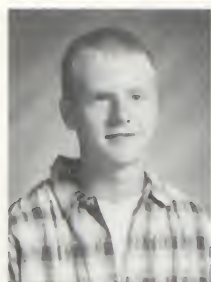




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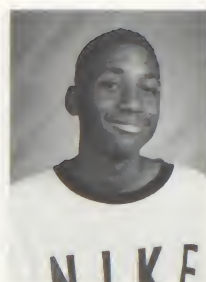
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Amber Gappa



Christine Gettys



Ronald Gochett



Benjamin Gordon



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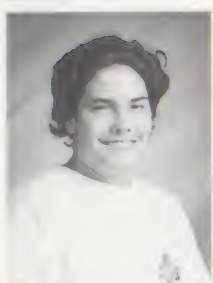
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Hangin' around— Junior Amber Wessing tries out some gravity boots as Amy Petersen waits for her turn.

Just chillin'— Juniors Chris Snowbarger and Tuffy Jackson relax in the student center

JUNIORS

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Yancey Granillo



Kristopher Greenlee



Neysa Greer



Mandi Gremmer



Justin Griffis



Amanda Griffith



Jennifer Griffith



Kacy Grimaldi



Katie Gross



Ann Marie Hansen



Benjamin Harris



Jessica Harris



Amie Hedrick



Brian Heiden



Jodi Helton



Nate Herron



Winston Higgins



Sagrario Hilario



Sarah Hinchliff



Muriz Hodzic



Selma Hodzic



Tequila Holloway



Kourtney Horner



Jennifer Howe



Alexis Hunt



Latif Ikeljic



Nihad Ikeljic



Tuffy Jackson



Cardell James



Colin Johnson



Kristin Johnson



Jessica Jolly



Ann Jones



Bryce Jones



Waitin' for class— Juniors Mikel Morris, Brian Heiden and David Nadler pass some time before the bell rings.



David Jones



Lawanda Jones



Victor Jurado



Denis Kalabic



Cissy Kemp



Kathy Kemp



Eric Kintner



Alissa Knoell



Brad Kreinbring



David Lam



Kristi Larson



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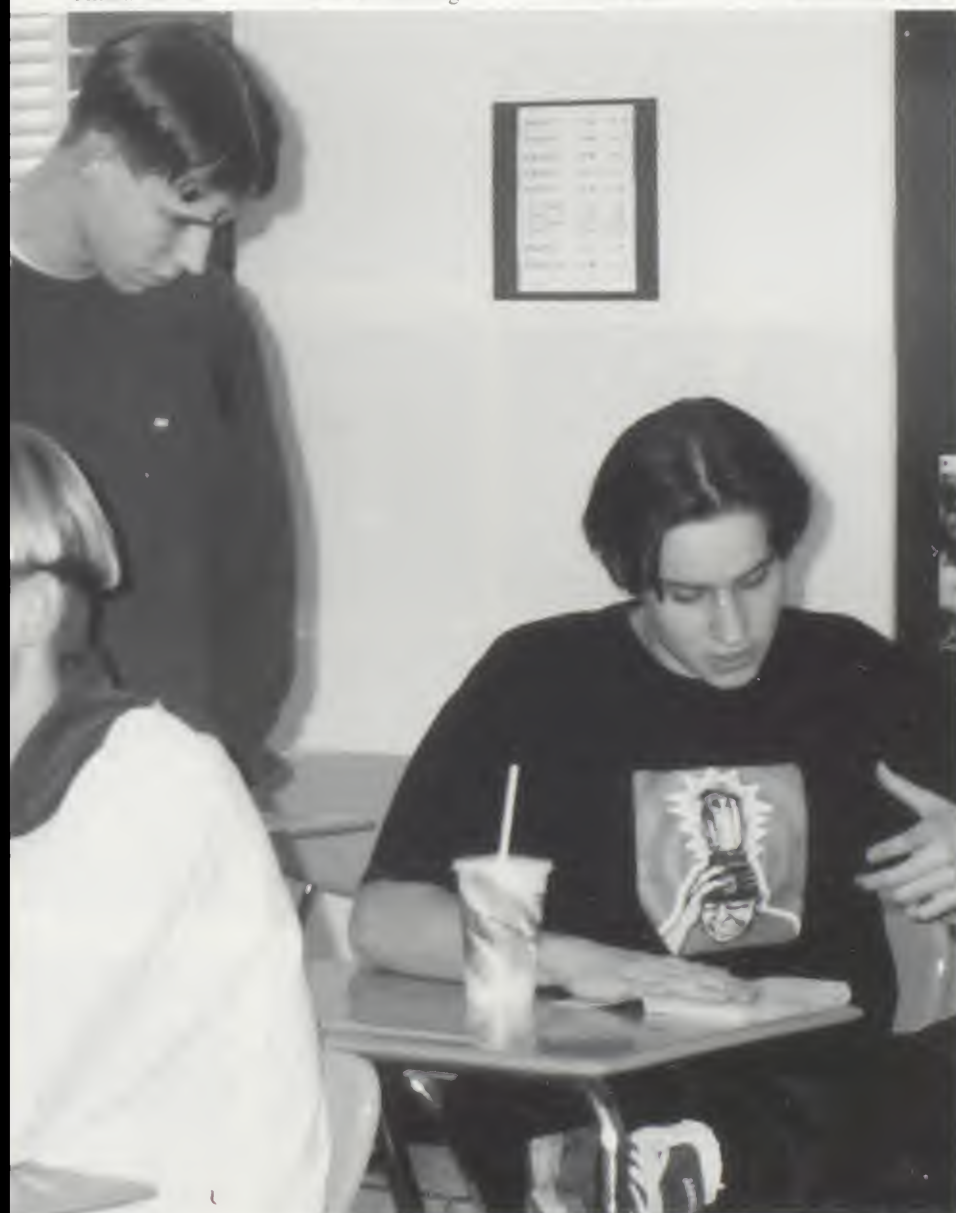


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Sayin' it all...

"What if I was a robot and I just turned off?"

-Sarah Hinchliff

"I need a fireball: I must have gas!"

-Andrew Bash

"My bag is an idiot!"

-Alina Lindgren

"If I were a guy, I'd ask myself to Homecoming."

-Amber Wessing

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Alina Lingren



Ryan Lovell



Karen Lueder



Ky Luong



Erick Lutchman



David Lutchman, Jr.



Andrew Maahs



Tiffany May



Crysthian Mayoral



Jenifer McCauley



Roanna McDonald



Spencer McGinnis



Adam McNeeley



Cory McVey



Mary Mefferd



Michael Mefferd



Colin Melton



Michael Miller



Nicholas Miller



Stephanie Miner



Benjamin Minnis



Christopher Moore



Rocio Mora



Mikel Morris



David Murphy



David Nadler



Joseph Nagle



Saima Napreljac



Kelly Nelson



David Newman



Trung Nguyen



Tuyen Nguyen



Grant Noah



Andrew Nutting



Tiffany Oakley



Christina Patramanis

Sittin' around— Juniors Kristi Larson, Talia Burnett, Ann Marie Hansen and Tricia Van Zee spend their lunch hour talking in the student center.



Sayin' it all

What is the best thing about Hoover?

"It's a very diverse school where people can meet many different kinds of people."

-Jenny Bennett

"The free dental plan."

-Matt Woods

"The exciting competition of Mr. Lundholm's bowling class."

-Nick Miller



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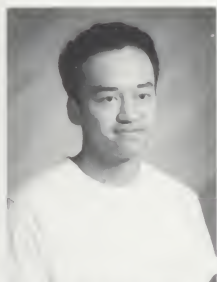
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Amy Petersen



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Kyle Pritchard



Kylie Proctor



Aimee Ramsey



Tamika Rhodeman



Wendy Robertson



Levi Robinson



Amanda Roed



Lauris Rostoks



Andrew Rowland



David Rude



Isreal Ruiz



Nicholas Rundlett



Angela Sampson



Karina Sanchez



Dawn Shipman



Michael Schulz



La Niece Scott



Latoshia Scott



Tynieka Scott



Kaycee Shively

JUNIORS

BY KAREN LUEDER



Shawn Simon



Nick Simonini



Lisa Simpson



Will Sims



Crystal Smith



Megan Smith



Resha Smith



Chris Snowbarger



Philip Snyder



Elizabeth Soike



Justin Song



Jemon Spivey



Harry Stanley



Corey Steffen



Amber Stevens



Violet Stevens



Angela Steward



Holly Stilwell



Dana Swanson



Sabrija Talic



Tara Taylor



Jennifer Throckmorton



Jason Tidwell



Jason Tomlinson



Lisa Trammel



Toan Tran



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Havin' fun— As junior Sarah Anderson takes a drink of milk, Nick Miller laughs at a fellow classmate.



Rex Tredway



My Trinh



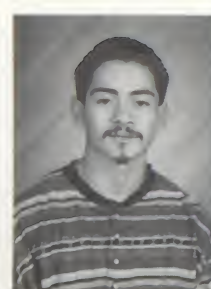
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Travis Valley



Patricia Van Zee



Marvin Vasquez



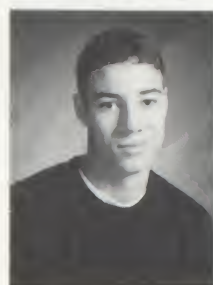
James Vigon



Angela Walker



David Weier



Terrence Welton



Amber Wessing



Curtis Wheeler



Lakesha Whiteside



Andrew Whitten



Derek Wilcox



Abbey Williams



Sarah Wilson



Matt Woods



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Not Pictured

Vanja Boric	Sue Jamison
Otis Buckner	Raven Lane
Christina Chase	Anes Paric
Rebecca Davis	Micheal Sears
Lorettakay James	Sawn Williams
	Marquies Woolery

Lookin' around—Junior Mike Schulz looks around while at his locker after school.

Precious Moments—Senior Mat Griffis gets congratulated by his mother on Senior Night for football.



photo courtesy of the Griffis family



Jesus Aguayo, Jr.



Alex Albright



Robert Allison



Mike Amos



Matthew Anderson



John Audlehelm



Vanhnida Baccam



Rhonda Baedke



Jacob Bailiff



Brian Bainbridge



Sanela Bajic



Praveen Bannikatti



Michelle Barger



Charlie Baumert



Jamie Beard



Kari Behn



Lisa Bentley



Thomas Berger



Colleen Bergman



Andrew Bickel



Katheryn Bierma



James Birkett



Mike Boddie



Eric Boesen

SENIOR SURVEY

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE TO NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS?

"Have fun, apply for lots of scholarships and take many college days." **Alex Albright**

"Do as much as possible your senior year; it's your last time around so make the best of it."

DeLaine Burken

"Get plenty of sleep and enjoy the year."

Nate Herron

"Question authority."

Ben Carter

"Concentrate on school and don't let yourself think you have senioritis; once you believe that, you're doomed."

Amy Kneller

"Figure out all your college stuff really early so you have the rest of the year to sit back and enjoy it."

Amanda Jones

"Be prepared because it goes quick."

Adam Lueder

"Don't get in too much trouble." **Katie Bierma**

"Have fun and cherish all the memories because it goes by quickly." **Meg Whelan**

"Crunch time is what senior year is all about, so stop procrastinating" **Nga Lam**

"Take easy classes"

Mike Amos

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Peter Bognanni



Terri Bradley



Matt Broich



Jason Brommel



Kendra Brown



Nicole Brown



Priscilla Brown



Susan Bruekländer



Kathi Buckley



April Burkard



DeLaine Burken



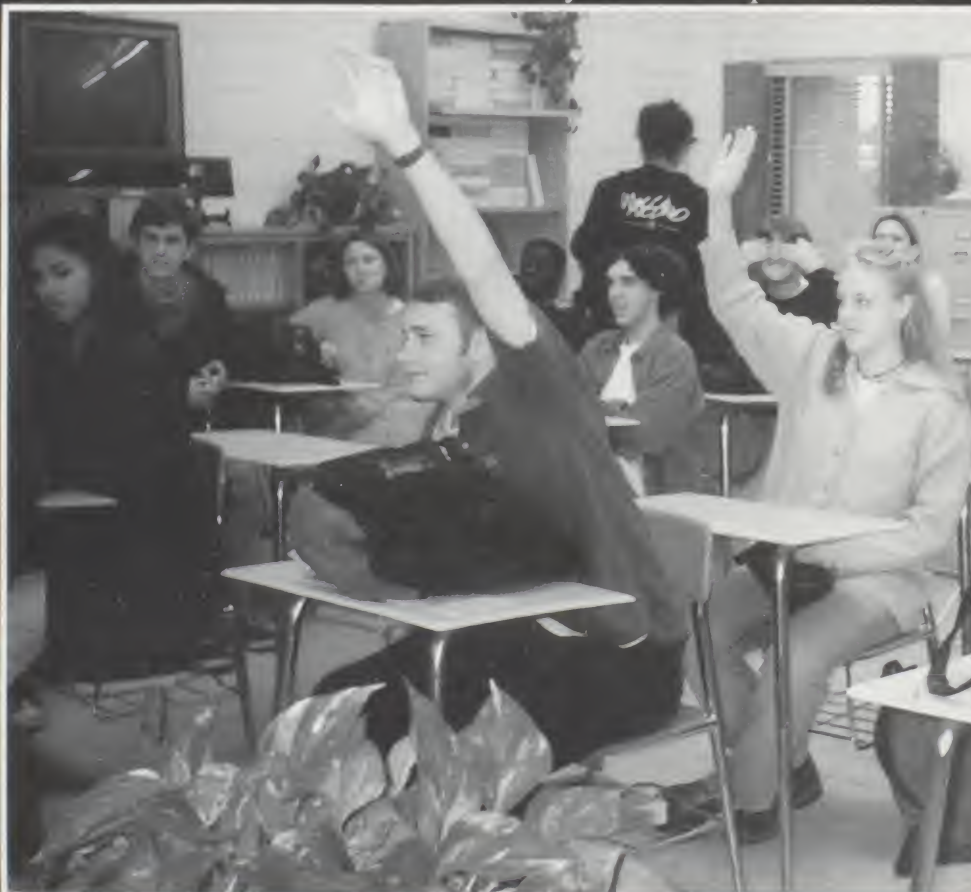
Luis Camacho



Jessica Cameron



Amanda Camp





Tiffany Camus



Todd Carber



Ben Carter



Precious Carter



Lena Cavan



Kelly Christopher



Shayne Cobine



Dawn Colbert



Crystal Coleman



Kelly Collett



Photo by Andrea Kueck

Participatin'— Seniors Andrew Garles and Magan Harris actively participate in class.

Smock displays rare talent

When people hear the word "stringed instrument" most likely images of cellos and violins pop into their heads. What they do not know is that there is much more to the stringed instrument family, such as the harp.

Senior Alishia Smock has been playing the harp for 9 years. She first became interested in the harp at the age of five when she watched a girl from her church play the harp for her Sunday school. Smock began playing the harp at age nine.

"Ever since I first saw the harp, I knew I wanted to play," she said. Since that very first lesson, she has entered a number of competitions and has added major honors to her list of accomplishments on the harp. Smock qualified for All-State competition freshmen, sophomore, and senior year and performed extremely well at all three competitions.

She is also the winner of the Des Moines Youth Symphony Concerto Competition and is a

member of the Des Moines Youth Symphony Chamber Players. She also competed in the Bill Riley Talent Show at the Iowa State Fair.

In addition to these honors, she is also involved in a number of extra curricular and community activities. Smock is a member of her Church Orchestra and Church Youth Group. She is part of the Hoover Intercultural Programs, the Homecoming Committee, and maintains a part time job at Dahl's grocery store.

"In between, I perform gigs if I have the time," Smock said.

When asked what goes through her mind right before a major competition, she said, "It depends on the competition but usually I'm watching other competitors to see what it's going to take to win. I try to focus on the music and what I want to convey to the audience and the judges."

Smock said that when she plays the harp in practice and at performances, she wants the people listening to have the chance to hear an instrument that is rarely seen or heard.



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Casey Coppi



Jason Cowden



Anna Cozad



Linh Dam



Dung Dang



Christopher Davis



Patrick Dela Cruz



Bao Diep



Thai Do



Orlando Dominguez



Ryan Doughan



Ryan Dow



Erica Downs



Nicole Drake





Tanya Duncan



Donny Duong



Sarah Ellis



Rachel Erickson



Bridget Evans



Photo by Kathi Buckley

Plannin' it out— Seniors Nga Lam and April Taylor discuss plans for the next NHS meeting.



Rudell Farley



Matilde Flores

Not Pictured



Dania Funk



Andrew Garles



Mathew Griffis

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SENIOR SURVEY

WHAT WERE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS THROUGHOUT YOUR FOUR YEARS?

"I remember the time Shayne Cobine and I hid under a desk during a tornado drill instead of going to the center room, and Mr. McCollough and the fire marshal walked through."

– Andy Garles

"One time Jason Tidwell was running to catch up with the crew before lunch when his ankle or something gave out and he just fell to his stomach and slid about three feet. Everyone in the hall saw and started laughing. Jason's face was the reddest anyone will ever see"

– Shayne Cobine

"On spring break in Arizona, when in the middle of the night, Erica Hanlon discovered she had x-ray vision and could see through closed doors."

– Allison Musser

"When I was a sophomore in the Ankeny football game and I watched Ryan Kramer throw up on an Ankeny football player and make him run the other way."

– Ben Carter

"Alex Albright, Dave Nadler, Kevin Kozitza, and I were in the pool with the lights out the day before the state swim meet. We never had the chance to mess around during the season. The lights were out, the moment was right, and kablaam, it's skinny dippin' time."

– Scott Johnson

"My most memorable moment was during my freshman year when Mike Kelly, Jake Smith, and I played basketball in the Bakers Square parking lot in our underwear."

– Chance Hulten

"I remember a time when me and my boyfriend, Sam Neeley, were riding in a car that he paid \$25 for. We picked up Shayne Cobine and as we were driving down the street there was this strange noise. It got louder and then one of the tires flew off. None of us had a license so we ran to Sam's house because his dad's a mechanic."

– Julia Hulling



Cynthia Gronert



Francisco Guerrero



Teon Gunn



Julian Guthrie



Gretchen Halldin



Erica Hanlon



Magan Harris



Kristin Hayes



Shayla Haynes



Justin Heard



Theresa Hedrick



Jermain Henderson



Michelle Herman



Maria Hill



Jasmin Hodzic



LeeAnn Hofferber



Phillip Holt



Brandi Hood



Jeffery Hopp



David Horn



Andrew Hotopp



Travis Houser



Julia Hulling



Chance Hulten



Erin Husmann



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Helping Hands— Seniors Destiny Schipman and Colleen Bergman show some school spirit at the car rally for Homecoming Spirit Week

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Alicia Hymel



Mirsad Ikeljic



Leonard Ilitsky



Donechanh Inthalangsy



Andrew Jackman



Cortez Jackson



Yolanda Jackson



Auralisa Johnson



Matt Johnson



Nicole Johnson



Samantha Johnson



Scott Johnson



Amanda Jones



David Jones



Jeremy Jorgenson



David Juskelis



Kelly Karsten



Anathana Keutla



Jonathan Kilts



Nate Kinnetz

Not Pictured



Rommel Kizer



Amy Kneller



Kirsten Knox



Photo by Maggie Beavers

Piggin' out- Senior Julian Guthrie takes a breather from his pie while Precious Carter and junior Jennifer Howe look on.



Courtney Kramer



Ryan Kramer



Andrea Kueck



Nga Lam



Kristen Langstraat



Lindsay Lawson



Jennifer Le Pera



Robert Levy

SENIORS

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

This year's senior spotlight focuses on an outstanding musician at Hoover, Jamie Beard. He began his musical career in kindergarten, when he began taking piano lessons. When he reached the age of nine, in fourth grade, he began taking saxophone lessons. He has continued playing the saxophone through high school, playing in the jazz band, concert band, and even forming his own band—the 'JJ 5'.

The 'JJ 5' is a jazz combo that was formed by Beard and junior Jason Danielson, and it also includes senior Casey Coppi, and juniors Mikel Morris, Mike Schulz, and Spencer McGinnis. The group plays at various social activities, including a Red Cross Convention, the Echo Valley Ladies' Convention, and a Christmas Party at the University Park Holiday Inn. Beard says they play for "both fun and money."

Of playing in the band, Beard said "It's fun to be with my friends I've grown up with and it's fun to express my feelings, especially when playing jazz. It's just like sports where you're all on a team working to do your best." Beard says his favorite moments in the band are playing at pep assemblies and playing at jazz championships.

Beard lists his biggest influences as Charlie Parker ("he worked hard to get as far as he did in music"), Bob Long ("my teacher who helped me a lot along the way, and made me a musician"), band director Pat Kearney ("he's the man...he forced me to solo even when I was nervous"), and his family.

Beard is also involved in tennis, golf, and NHS. He said he plans to go to either the University of Iowa or Drake next year to major in music.



Aaron Lewis



Nicholas Lloyd



Marrisha Lockman



Angela Lockridge



Jeremy Long



Adam Lueder



Aaron Lumley



Elizabeth Mace



Kimberly Mack



Michelle Mallette



Michael Mandt



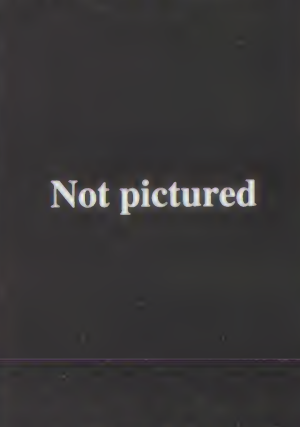
Bryan Manning



Humberta Martinez



Candice Mason



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Aisha Mayes



Jenifer McCauley



Courtney McCormick



Charlene Meyer



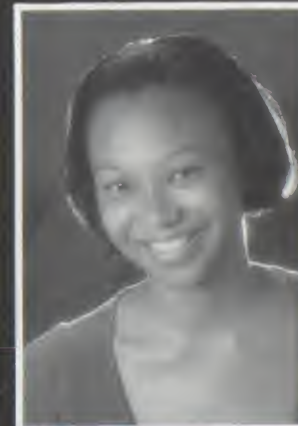
Cassandra Mitchell



Jessica Moeller



Sarah Mohler



Geneva Moore



Norma Morales



Allison Musser

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Timothy Nehmer



Wendy Nevitt



Hieu Nguyen



Hoa Nguyen



Huong Nguyen



Kiem Nguyen



Nhung Nguyen



Thao Nguyen



Tuyet Nguyen



Xuan Nguyen

Quality Time—
Senior Lori Thomas
and sophomore
Stephanie Hill take
some time to chat in
the halls during
passing period.



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Michael Ostreko



Carla Padilla



Dan Parker



Cody Peer



Hanh Pham



Loan Pham



My Phan



Nicholas Pisarik



Megan Pollock



Lonise Porter



Loren Porter



Tamera Potter



Melissa Priest



Toni Priester



Chad Pritchard



Joe Provateare



Tim Rech



Jalaal Reed



Jameel Richardson

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Karla Rosales



Jay Rothmeyer, Jr.



Destiny Schipman



Kristina Selander



Janelle Shadoan



Kristina Sheaffer



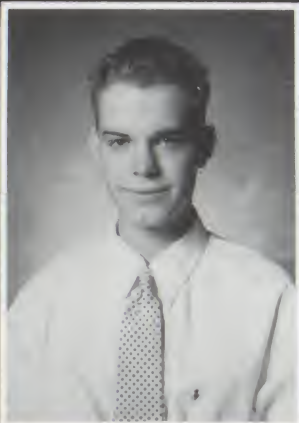
Bob Shearon

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James Shively



Andrew Slotterback



Edward Sly



Bryan Smajd



Keith Small



Corey Smith



Tara Smith





Alishia Smock



Josh Sodergren



Dameatra Speirs



Dawn Spiller



Carrie Stackhouse



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Settin' up- Seniors Courtney McCormick and Libby Mace get the auditorium ready for a pep assembly.



Mark Stanger



Sarah Stanley



Brad Steffen



Tom Stehl



Chris Stelzer



Todd Strum

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Charles Sutton



Heather Taff



Jonathon Talcott



April Taylor



Willie Taylor



Lori Thomas



Brian Tilton



Sara Tippins



Thanh Tran



Adam Troyer



photo by Kelly Karsten

What good helpers— Seniors Alex Albright and Erin Husmann deliver beverages and cookies to the teachers during conferences.



Kendra Tuttle



Maria Valdez



Marcos Vasquez



Brandon Vaughan



Harmony Walker



Brad Wallace

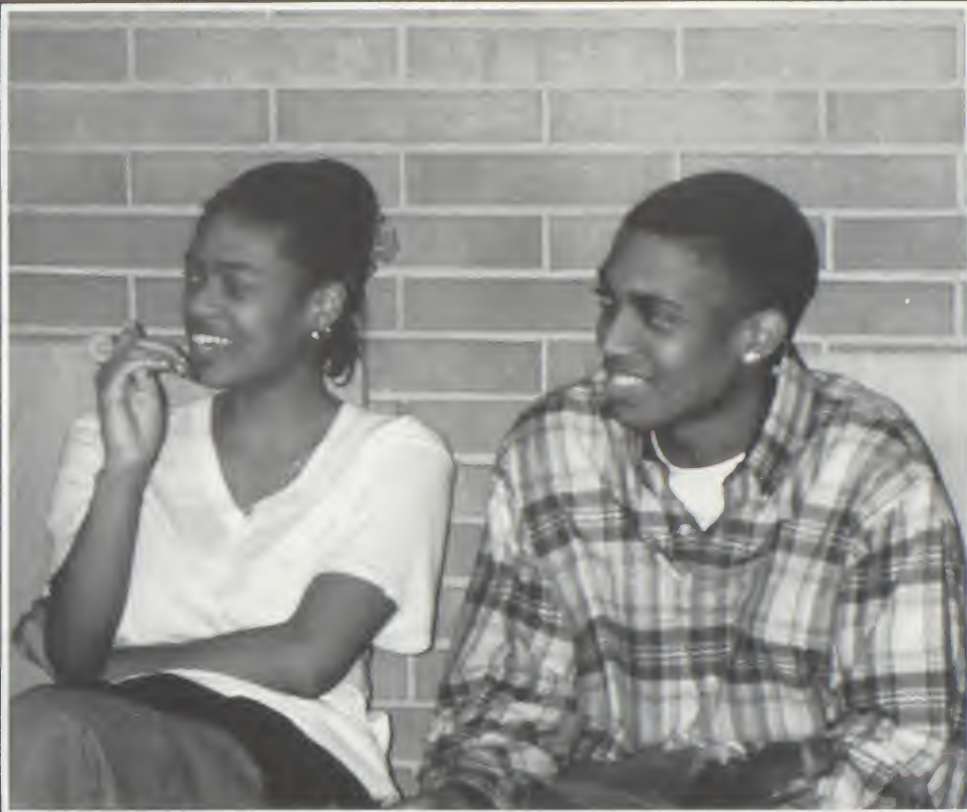


photo by Kelly Karsten

Just kickin' it—Seniors Aisha Mayes and Charles Sutton enjoy a good laugh in the student center.



Erica Welch



Christopher Wells



Stephany Wells



Meghan Whelan



Steve Whitney

Not Pictured



Benjamin Wiles



Albrina Williams



Jeffrey Wilson



Wendy Wilson



Laura Winkler



Elisabeth Woody

SENIORS

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Senior

Leaders

The Senior Board elected at the end of the 1996 school year worked hard this year. Among the fundraisers done, one involved selling candy to support the Senior Board fund. This fund covers part of the costs of graduation as well as the senior gift, decorations and prom.

The cabinet members held meetings throughout the year in the early morning hours. The sponsor for the Senior Board and senior class was Billy Stone.

The president of the board was Nikki Johnson and the co-president was Stephany Wells. Other members of the board included co-vice presidents Maria Hill and Allison Musser, co-secretaries Nga Lam and Tom Stehl, co-treasurers Kendra Tuttle and Jon Talcott, and parliamentarian Jason Cowden.

The Senior Board worked on fundraising, prom, post prom, senior breakfast, commencement, class day, senior awards night and various other senior activities that were held throughout the year.

Co-vice president Allison Musser said, "This year's Senior Board was very active in coordinating all senior activities. Mrs. Stone gave a lot of leeway for the students to make decisions on what went on for the senior class, and she was very supportive."



photo by Kathi Buckley

Senior Board—front row, Tom Stehl, Jon Talcott, Kendra Tuttle; back row: Jason Cowden, Nga Lam, Nicole Johnson, Maria Hill, Allison Musser



photo by Emily Audlehelm



photo by Emily Audlehelm



photo by Anne Lawrie

Hard at work—Senior board member Jason Cowden works on plans for the senior class.

Senior checklist—Senior Theresa Hedrick fills out her list of senior activities for the yearbook index.

Makin' decisions—Senior Maria Hill and Vice-principal Billy Stone go over important decisions for senior graduation.

Tea time—Seniors Bridget Evans and Chance Hulten converse at the refreshments table at the Homecoming Tea organized by senior April Taylor.



Nikki Johnson
President

"There was a lot for us to do this year. It was great to see most of the senior class participating. The Senior Board cabinet worked extremely hard to organize all of the senior events."



Tom Stehl
Co Vice-President

"I'm really glad I got the chance to lead such a great group of individuals. Although our activities were limited this year, the ones we did participate in helped the community a lot, which is our goal."



photo by Anne Lawrie



photo by Emily Audlehelm

Kiddin' around—Senior Allison Musser and Nikki Johnson kiddingly discuss a senior board issue.

A Moment *in* Time

On Saturday, May 3, seniors gathered at the Historical Building for one last dance to help finalize their years at Hoover. While the dance didn't start until 8 p.m., many students had been preparing for this night for many months.

Parents and teachers volunteered to decorate the Historical Building to go along with the theme, "Timeless Moments". Colors for the dance were navy blue, forest green and silver. Tickets were 15 dollars per person. Mullica returned once again to take pictures and a D.J. provided the music.

Members of the prom court, which included Katie Bierma, Matt Broich, Bridget Evans, Magan Harris, Cortez Jackson, Aaron Lewis, Destiny Schipman, Keith Small, Tom Stehl and Lori Thomas, waited to hear who would be this year's king and queen. In the end, Broich and Schipman took the crown.

At 11 p.m., the doors to the Historical Building closed, but the night was just beginning. Many seniors took advantage of the post-prom party that was held at Plaza Lanes from 12-5 a.m.

Post-prom committee members told students that if they were going to attend the free event, they needed to be there by 2 a.m. Students were also told that once they left, they would not be let back in.

Upon arrival, students were given a bag of play money in order to play the table games: Wheel of Fortune, Black Jack, Roulette, Chuck-a-Luck and Craps. Other activities included gladiator jousting, bowling, a hypnotist and a palm reader.

There were prize drawings every half hour and students had to be there in order to claim their prizes. Prizes included cash, restaurant certificates, cordless phones, A.V. equipment, appliances and more.

All seniors were invited to the post-prom party, even if they hadn't attended the dance.



Bein' friends—Senior Todd Strum takes time out to share a dance with Katie Bierma.

Makin' a deal—Senior Amy Kneller talks to Courtney Kramer while playing a table game at the post-prom.



photo by Nicole Brown



photo by Elisabeth Woody

Holdin' on—Senior Nicole Brown and her date gaze into each other's eyes.

Gettin' hot—Senior John Audlehelm reacts when hypnotized at post-prom.



photo by Nicole Brown



photo by Nicole Brown



photo by Nicole Brown

Winnin' the jackpot—Seniors Tom Berger and Jon Talcott make important decisions while gambling.

Workin' up a sweat—Seniors Lori Thomas, Meg Whelan and Stephany Wells hit the dance floor.

PROM & POST-PROM

BY MICHALLE HIRSCH

Recognition *for* Seniors

On May 12, 1997 part of the senior class gathered in the auditorium for the Senior Awards Presentation. At 7:00 p.m. Those receiving awards filed into the auditorium and took their seats while senior Alishia Smock performed a Harp Solo. Senior Board President Nicole Johnson started the presentation with words of welcome to the seniors, teachers, parents, and loved ones who chose to attend. Principal William McCollaugh spoke next, greeting all those assembled.

Senior Colleen Bergman was chosen to speak at Senior Awards night. Hoover Harmony followed Bergman by performing the song "I'll Be Seeing You" The seniors in Harmony were Timothy Rech, Tiffany Camus, and Theresa Hedrick.

The Presentation of Scholarships and Recognition of seniors followed Harmony. Teacher of All Seasons John Eller led the presentation while McCollaugh and Vice Principal and Senior Advisor Billy Jean Stone handed out the awards.

The class of 1997 had thirteen Valedictorians. They were Matthew Anderson, John Audlehelm, Kari Behn, Theresa Hedrick, Amanda Jones, Andrea Kueck, Kristen Langstraat, Hieu Nguyen, My Linh Phan, Kristina Selander, Thomas Stehl, Jonathon Talcott, and Jeffrey Wilson. The senior class also had two Salutatorians, Erin Husmann and Jason Cowden.

Some of the awards received by the seniors were Superintendents awards, State of Iowa Scholars, President's Award for Educational Excellence, top three percent, top fifteen percent, Tandy Technology Scholars, and college scholarship awards.

Vice President of the senior class, Maria Hill, ended the evening with a closing farewell. After the awards ceremony there was a reception in the student center.



With Honors—Senior Jon Talcott receives his sash for Valedictorian.

Award winning—Senior Ben Carter receives a medal for Army Reserve National Scholar.



photo by Nicole Brown

Gettin' recognized—

Senior Kari Behn accepts one of her numerous awards of the night.

Scholarships and Awards

Superintendent Awards from Central Campus

English	Peter Bognanni
Social Science	John Audlehelm
Radio/TV Production Technology	Thai Do

Superintendent Awards from Hoover

Science	Tom Stehl
English	Jason Cowden
General English	Jeffrey Wilson
Senior English	Samantha Johnson
Mathematics	Kari Behn
Music	Theresa Hedrick
Drama	Ryan Dow
Art	Timothy Nehmer
Social Science	April Taylor
Physical Education	Leonard Ilitsky
Business	Rachel Erickson
Journalism	Steven Whitney
Foreign Language	Jonathon Talcott
Family and Consumer Science	Julian Guthrie

Central Campus: Certificate of Recognition

Auto Body Technology	Jesus Aguayo Torres Jr.
Auto Body Technology	Christopher Wells
Auto Body Technology	Justin Heard
Drafting Technology	Charles Baumert
Commercial Photograph Technology	Amanda Jones
Italian	Kirsten Knox
Japanese	Michael Ostreko
Practical Nursing	Kendra Tuttle

Highest Three Percent in Scholarship

Matthew Anderson	Amanda Jones	My Linh Phan
John Audlehelm	Amy Kneller	Kristina Selander
Sanela Bajic	Andrea Kueck	Thomas Stehl
Kari Behn	Kristen Langstraat	Todd Strum
Matthew Broich	Kimberly Mack	Jonathon Talcott
Theresa Hedrick	Kelly Nelson	Jeffrey Wilson
Erin Husmann	Hieu Nguyen	

Highest Fifteen Percent in Scholarship

Alex Albright	Ryan Dow	Allison Musser
Jamieson Beard	Sarah Ellis	Timothy Nehmer
Peter Bognanni	Erica Hanlon	Xuan Nguyen
Terri Bradley	Nathaniel Herron	Carla Padilla
Amanda Camp	Jeffery Hopp	Daniel Parker
Casey Coppi	Samantha Johnson	Kristina Sheaffer
Jason Cowden	Lindsay Lawson	Dawn Spiller
Thai Do	Michele Mallette	Bradley Steffen
Ryan Doughan	Candice Mason	

Presidents Awards for Educational Excellence

John Audlehelm	Candice Mason	Bradley Steffen
Kari Behn	Loan Pham	Thomas Stehl
Thai Do	Kristina Selander	Todd Strum
Amanda Jones	Kristina Sheaffer	Jonathon Talcott
Lindsay Lawson		

Singin' Out—Members of Hoover Harmony perform during the senior awards night.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

BY ALLISON MUSSER

Last Feast *for* Seniors

As the school year for the class of 1997 was winding down to a close, the seniors had a chance to have one last breakfast together.

The Senior Breakfast was held on Friday, May 23 at 7:00 am in the West Student Center. The cost was \$2.50 per person for all you could eat. The menu included pancakes, breakfast sausages, milk, juice, and coffee. Juniors from the National Honor Society were there to help serve the food and drinks.

The pancakes were made by a chef who served them to the seniors by flipping each one about three feet, forcing the seniors to catch as many as they could. The end result were full, satisfied seniors and several flying pancakes that wound up on the floor.

As students filled their stomachs with food, co-chairs April Taylor and Nikki Johnson presented the long-awaited senior breakfast awards. The seniors voted for a male and female for each category earlier in the year. The votes were counted by the Senior Breakfast Committee and the male and female with the most votes for each category received the award at the Senior Breakfast. The results were not revealed until that morning. Each recipient was awarded a certificate with their picture on it that also stated the category they won.

This year students also voted on the Best Teacher award, which went to Bette Prey and John Eller.

Senior Jon Talcott said, "The breakfast was a chance for all of us to get together and just chat and have fun as a senior class. I think everyone had a good time. April and Nikki and the committee did a great job organizing things."



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Chattin' away—Senior Brad Steffen and Bran Manning talk as they prepare to go to Commencement rehearsals.

Speakers of the house—Seniors April Taylor and Nikki Johnson present the Senior Breakfast awards at the Senior Breakfast.



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Servin' the seniors— Seniors Tiffany Camus, Courtney Kramer, Tim Rech, Yolanda Jackson, and Ryan Kramer wait for junior Justin Song to dish out the sausages at the Senior Breakfast on May 23.

Senior Breakfast Awards

Category

Most Likely To Be Rich
Most Likely To Be President
Most Likely To Win An Oscar
Most Likely To Win A Pulitzer
Best Hair
Best Legs
Best Smile
Worst Senioritis
Most School Spirit
Best Sense of Humor

Most Likely To Succeed
Best Laugh
Most Outrageous Dresser

Best Personality
Best Dressed
Best Musician
Best Eyes
Best Singer
Best Athlete
Biggest Flirt
Friendliest
Craziest
Most Likely To Win A Peace Prize
Best Actor/Best Actress
Biggest Gossip
Best Artist
Most Recognized Car
Most Outgoing
Most Intelligent
Most Hyperactive
Most Outdoorsy
Most Like to Be Stuck On A Deserted Island With

Most Attractive
Most Muscular
Healthiest
Biggest Shopper
Best Scientist
Best Leader
Worst Driver
Most Forgetful
Class Clown
Most Studious
Most Recognized Car
Best Scent
Most Likely To Stay In High School Another Year
Most Social
Best Dancer
Cutest Couple

Male

Jon Talcott
Keith Small
Ryan Dow
Steve Whitney
Casey Coppi
Matt Anderson
Charles Sutton
Praveen Banikatti
Nick Pisarik
Donny Duong

Jeff Hopp
Kelly Christopher
Julian Guthrie

Matt Broich
Jameel Richardson
Jamie Beard
Todd Strum
Tim Rech
Scott Johnson
Shayne Cobine
Dan Parker
Jay Brommel
John Audlehelm

Peter Bognanni
Adam Lueder
Tim Nehmer
Charlie Baumert
Jay Rothmeyer
Brad Steffen
Tom Berger
Ben Carter
Alex Albright

Cortez Jackson
Ryan Kramer
Mat Griffiths
Ryan Doughan
Michael Mandt
Chance Hulten
Andrew Jackman
Nate Kennetz
Aaron Lewis
Thai Do
Charlie Baumert
Nick Lloyd
T'Komo Dabner

Jeremy Jorgenson
Shayla Haynes
Tom Stehl and Destiny Schipman

Female

Amanda Jones
Courtney Kramer
Precious Carter
Nicole Brown
Teon Gunn
Kathi Buckley
Katie Bierma
Kendra Brown
Amy Kneller
Carrie

Stackhouse
Cindy Gronert
Erica Hanlon
Lee Ann
Hofferber
Nga Lam
Maria Hill
Alishia Smock
Amanda Camp
Tiffany Camus
Kristin Hayes
DeLaine Burken
Kim Mack
Cody Peer
Kendra Tuttle

Sara Tippins
Libby Mace
Lisa Johnson
Jennifer LePera
Geneva Moore
Erin Husmann
Theresa Hedrick
April Taylor
Allison Musser

Bridget Evans
Demeatra Speirs
Candy Mason
Colleen Bergman
Sanela Bajic
Nikki Johnson
Gretchen Halldin
Albrina Willaims
Stephany Wells
Kari Behn
Jennifer LePera
Aisha Mayes
Charlene Meyer

After the meal— Seniors Katie Bierma, Todd Strum, Jon Talcott, and Matt Anderson gather their things at the Senior Breakfast and head to the large gym to begin rehearsals for Commencement

SENIOR BREAKFAST

BY NICOLE BROWN

With Honor & Pride

On May 24, at 7 p.m., the senior class and their guests arrived at the Knapp Center to recognize their graduation from Hoover High School. Proudly dressed in their green hats and robes, the seniors waited for the ceremony to begin.

The traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" was played once again this year by the Hoover concert band as the seniors walked in and took their seat on the main floor. The Hoover band, orchestra and choirs also performed "Battle Hymn of the Republic" during the ceremony.

Opening remarks were made by principal William McCollaugh with guest speaker, superintendent Gary Wegenke, presenting the graduating class. Student speakers, April Taylor and Steve Whitney, gave their speeches to the senior class. The two seniors were chosen after an audition in which they gave a prepared speech that was to be related with the class motto, "I cannot change yesterday, I can only make the most of today and look with hope towards tomorrow."

The Jane Hentges Humanitarian Award was given to the senior who had devoted his or her time to volunteering and demonstrating good will. Seniors Mike Amos and My Linh Phan presented the award at the ceremony. Precious Carter received the award for this year.

The presentation of diplomas was led by Kirk Johnson, with assistance from Jane Hein, a member of the school board. Each student's name was read as they walked across the stage to receive their certificate of completion from high school.

Hoover's Alma Mater was sung by Hoover Harmony to close the ceremony. As the night came to an end, the seniors said farewell and tossed their graduation caps into the air. Their high school years at Hoover had come to an end.



Waiting with patience—Seniors Priscilla Brown and Nicole Brown stand in line to receive their diplomas.

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Standing Still—Seniors Tiffany Camus and Amanda Camp wait with their classmates in line during the ceremony.



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A song of pride—Juniors Abby Williams, Lakeshea Whiteside and senior Theresa Hedrick sing the Alma Mater.

Honorably speaking—Senior April Taylor talks to the senior class and their guests at the ceremony.



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Looking Around—Senior Brad Steffen glances at the stage while Tom Stehl anxiously waits behind him.

Memorable moments—Senior Precious Carter gives Mike Amos a hug after receiving the Humanitarian Award.

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DeLaine Burken

Lainie,

Well baby "D" this is it.
The last one to leave, but
certainly not the least.
You're a sweet girl and

we are very proud of you. Keep your conviction,
stay dedicated, and follow your heart.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Dawn, Danielle, and Denise

Nga Lam

Congratulations
to our smart, beautiful
little girl! May others
feel the joy of your smile
and the kindness of your
heart.



We are very
proud of you and wish you only happiness as you
enter the world! And don't forget to "phone
home."

Love,

Mom, Dad, and David

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April Taylor

April the future marlin,

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you have achieved through
the last 18 years.

Believe in yourself
and you can achieve all of
your dreams.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Kathie



Adam Lueder

AL,
Chalk the cue
Rack 'em up.
It's time to run the table!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Karen

Geneva Moore

Dear Geneva,
Congratulations!
May the rest of your life
be as happy as your early child-
hood.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Janelle



Samantha Johnson

SAMANTHA,
Watching you grow into
a responsible young woman
has been the joy of our lives.
You have been a parent's
dream with your common-
sense approach to life. We
wish you happiness and suc-
cess.
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Alex Albright

You have made our life so much fun. May you never lose your sensitivity, your wit, and your love of life.

Congratulations on your many successes. May God bless you always.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Candy Mason

The wind is changing
as you prepare to take off and
fly.

Always follow your
heart.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Brian Bainbridge

THOSE big eyes have warmed the hearts of us all. You have MATURED into a great young man. Continue growing into a great adult, in body and mind. Best of luck on all your future plans.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Tina



Jamie Beard

Jamie,
A young Charlie Parker or Kenny G. was leaving for his first day of school!

Set your sights high, trust your instincts, and remember your faith.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Mandy



Todd Strum

We're so proud of you. As you go down the path of life, remember none of your dreams are out of your reach. May the force be with you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Megan



Allison Musser

"Al"

Your Dad and I were so full of love and pride the day you were born. And as you grew, so did that love and pride.

You are such a caring and giving young lady. We know that your love of life and knowledge will take you far. Always believe in yourself and your dreams.

May the Lord guide you in whatever path you choose. And when you move on to college we will miss your smile and enthusiasm. We will miss you.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Jared, and Sam



Bradley Steffen

"Look out world,
Here I come!"

Do your best and believe in yourself and all that you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Leta, and Matt

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Best friends forever
The meaning stands true
All of the times together
Our friendship followed through

Although some times were rough
We managed to stay strong
We showed our hearts were tough
And nothing could go wrong

So far this party's been great
Even though we still have more
Memories to make, it's never too late
What are we waiting for

Good luck in the upcoming years
While separated, we'll still be together
Still sharing both happiness and tears
Always best friends forever



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Sun-in twins, junior high soap opera, Woodlawn and the lost locket, Joe, bloody closets and haltertops, 5 pops and a beer, ants, Glamour Shots, snappy eyeliner, Jimmy-Jeff-Mike-Nick, broken fences, bus stops, popcorn man, neighborhood Twinkie and moving day shouts, sneaking out...tight leather jeans and all, Shelby and Holly, slick skating parties, Katie's fragrance, meet-you-halfway block walks, saucy cheese balls, Betsy's talks, My Girl, slumber parties with dropping beds, cocaine rats, dirty northerners, Joby-Lamont-Andy playing "Mission Impossible", flipping heads, sprinklin' T.P.ers, white tank top with muscles, good 'ole times at Skinner's, Johnson's, Bredeson's, and Boutchee's, vovos, sophomore year and psycho boys, the grind, big lips, Mason City with a capital H, hitting gas pumps, late night yard napping, blizzard, lifeguarding with Calvin Klein, Nedders, Red Rock, Buckin' on ice, badminton with birds, Homecoming cookies and E.R., Breakfast Club binge, Bio II-enough said so shut-up, 6 pack o' rootbeer, the lunch crew, Tower Park, Samuelson, HapKiDo attacks, break-ups and hook-ups, future kids?...can I get a kitty check?, computer talk, Ames-Chicago-CANCUN-Freedom-on to...COLLEGE and join the naturalism program.



Amanda Jones

Good Luck as you enter the world!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Kim

Charlie Baumert

Keep God in your heart
and that winning smile on your
face and the world is yours.
Congratulations and keep up
the good work.

Love ya' bunches!
Mom, Dad, and Jenny



Kathi Buckley

You'll always be our special
angel.

Mom, Dad, Matt, and David



Katie, Kendra, Nicole, Kathi, Amanda, Erica, Michelle, AJ, Amy, Libby, Michele, Jessica, Megan, Alishia, Lori, and Wendy:

From Try-It badges to high school diploma, I have watched your accomplishments through the years. As you "cross the next bridge" continue to reach for the stars!

Sheri Camp
Troop 129



Andy Garles

Dear Andy,

It seems like yesterday that you were starting Kindergarten and now you are graduating and entering into a new chapter of life. Your dad, brothers, and I are very proud of you. Reach for the stars—your future is as bright as you are!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dan, Tim, and Greg



Andrea Kueck

Congratulations on all your accomplishments and the wonderful daughter you are! Your smile brings sunshine to everyone. You will always be successful with all of your determination and hard work. May God bless you always.

Love,
Mom

Jen LePera

Jenny Anne, Here you are at 15 months trying already to grow up too fast! You have become a beautiful young woman who has been strong and determined through your accomplishments and I am very proud of you. May you have success and happiness in your future years to come.

Love,
Mom, Tabbie, Grandma Jo-Jo, and Aunt Sue



Kari Behn

Always keep your "flair" for life and you'll go far.



Congratulations on this milestone in that journey. We are really proud of you babe!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kurt

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Andrew Bickel

Andy you have brought such delight to our family.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Ryan, and Eric



Katie Bierma

A Hoover Marlin in the making! Enthusiastic, bright, lots of heart, and sometimes silly. Always a big smile, then and now. Congratulations on all of your success! You're a precious young lady. God bless you in all of your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Missy Priest

Congratulations, you made it! I am so proud of you for all you've done, but especially for who you are. Have fun and study hard at ISU.

Love,
Mom



Congratulations
to the
Class of 1997!

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Class.



Tamera Potter

Tam, you've always been a great joy in our lives. We are all proud of you. I know you will do well in what you choose out of life. Just like the Energizer bunny, you keep going and going!

Love,
Mom, and Dad,



Kristina Selander

The supreme happiness of life is
the conviction that we are loved.

(V. Hugo)

. . . so wherever you hop—
know that I love you.

Love,
Mom

Dawn Spiller

Congratulations Dawn!!

I'm so proud of you and
all you have achieved. You are
my shining star, and my best
friend. The Lord truly blessed
me when he brought you into
my life.

Love always,
Mom



Megan Pollock

Megan,

Congratulations! We
love you and are proud of what
you have accomplished.

Remember to "Untie
The Ribbons" of all of God's
gifts to you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Zac



Nicole Johnson

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU KID . . .



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**For all the times
I never said the
things I should
have*



*I thank you for
all the times you
understood.**



Nicole Brown & Michalle Hirsch





Kristin Hayes

Krissy,
You've really
made us proud.
From Kindergarten
to High School,
you've always

done your best, tried your hardest. Whether it's
been in the classroom or on the softball field. From
T-ball to varsity, you'll always be an All-Star in
our hearts.

If you pursue life with with the same level of
enthusiasm and confidence that you have in your
games, there's no doubt in our minds that you'll go
far.

Best of luck!

Love,
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Erica & Allison



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and thanks for everything. Love ya', Allison

Follow your heart and achieve your dreams.
Thank you for everything. Love ya', Erica

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John Audlehelm

Always curious and eager to meet the world — we send you off with our love.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Emily

Courtney McCormick

Congratulations — We are so proud of you!

We love you,
Your family



Tim Nehmer

Your school years have been full of great accomplishments. Let your dreams soar and set your sights high, the future is yours.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kevin
and Kira



Erica Hanlon

Seems like only yesterday that we were sending you off to pre-school. You have accomplished so much and we couldn't be more proud of you. Best wishes in all you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad and
Tommy

Amy Kneller

You'll never out-grow the things that make us love you so! You ARE a terrific sister and a wonderful daughter!! Continue to trust God and you will do great things!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Todd,
and A.J.



Alicia Hymel

We are so proud of you! With courage and dignity, you have survived the past year. You are so brave and strong. May all your dreams come true. You deserve the best.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Monique
and Bubba



Kristen Langstraat

Congratulations on your graduation. We're very proud of your accomplishments thus far and look forward to your stepping into the challenges of college. Be happy!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jenny



Tom Stehl

One day you'll know how fast 18 years can pass you by. We wish you happiness and much success in your life endeavors. You are our pride and joy.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jessica Moeller

We love you and are very proud of you. Remember, this isn't an ending, it's a wonderful beginning.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Holly, and Sam



Destiny Schipman

Congratulations!

Good luck with all of your future goals, and most of all thank you for all of the special memories.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dawn, and Grams



Amanda Camp

We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. May all your dreams come true and much happiness through the years. We will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Traci



Andrew Hotopp

Congratulations Andy! We are so very proud of you. Best wishes as you pursue your future goals. Always remember to use the talents God has given you.

Love,
Grandma, Denise, and Heidi

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Steve Whitney

My only son, you have become everything I could have imagined. You have so much to offer the world. I hope that all of your dreams come true, and one day I know you'll accomplish all of your goals.

Love,
Mom

Cindy Gronert

Happy, yet thoughtful.
Smiling, yet serious.
Loving, yet determined.
Considerate, yet free.
All grown up, yet still our baby girl! Our love and best wishes will always go with you.

Mom and Dad



Terri Bradley

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Intelligent, imaginative

Keep those shining eyes
and beautiful smile! We love
you always.

Dad, Mom, and Raechel



Tiffany Camus

Thank you for all the happiness you have brought into our lives. You have made us very proud to be your parents. We pray for God's guidance for your future in whatever it may be. Always put God first in your life and a song in your heart and you will be successful in whatever you do.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Precious Carter

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!! May life offer its full rewards in whatever directions you apply, and may you always find peace, and keep that beautiful smile.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erica,
and Aaron III



Elizabeth Mace

Libby,

For all you have been, for all you are, and for all you will be, my hopes, love and support are here in my heart. You are a wonderful and loving daughter and I wish for you all that you want.

Love,
Mom



Theresa Hedrick

You will be missed at our dinner table! You've always been determined to get what you want, (even down to your vegetables). We are so proud of you, and

your ability to achieve your goals. Good luck and stay focused.

We love you T.J.!,
Mom, Dad, Amie, Tim, and
Lyndie



Jeffrey David Wilson

What an exciting T.V. show it has been watching you grow - action packed, fun, noisy, but always a winner. God has great plans for you.

We couldn't be prouder!
Dad and Mom

Sarah Stanley

Here lies our future Pulitzer Prize winner. You always did look at the world in your very own way. Now it's your time to take it on.

We wish you luck and
love,
Mom, Dad, and
Annette



Colleen Bergman

Good luck in whatever you decide to do. Be proud of your individuality and you will go far. Erin Go Braugh!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Amy,
and Michael



Wendy Kaye Wilson

Our home is filled with sweet memories of your very unique personality. You get straight A's in helpfulness, thoughtfulness, and determination. You'll shine like a star!

With much love,
Dad and Mom



April Burkard

Congratulations April! You are a special young woman with a lot of great things ahead in life, keep smiling and enjoy life. We're so proud of you!

Sure Do,
Mom and Dad

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Destiny Schipman Kristina Selander



Nicole Marie Brown



You have been so close and such a joy to us while growing up. I know we will be close as you continue your education and have many accomplishments in your life.

We love you,
Grandma and Grandpa

From a nervous shy little girl on your first day of school to a beautiful, strong, independent young woman on your graduation day. I am so proud of you, my daughter, my friend. Follow your dreams and you'll go far in life.

Love ya,
Mom



Kelly Nelson

CONGRATULATIONS

to a future star!

1997

We love you Opie.

Dad, Mom, Sandy, Jenny,
Makayla



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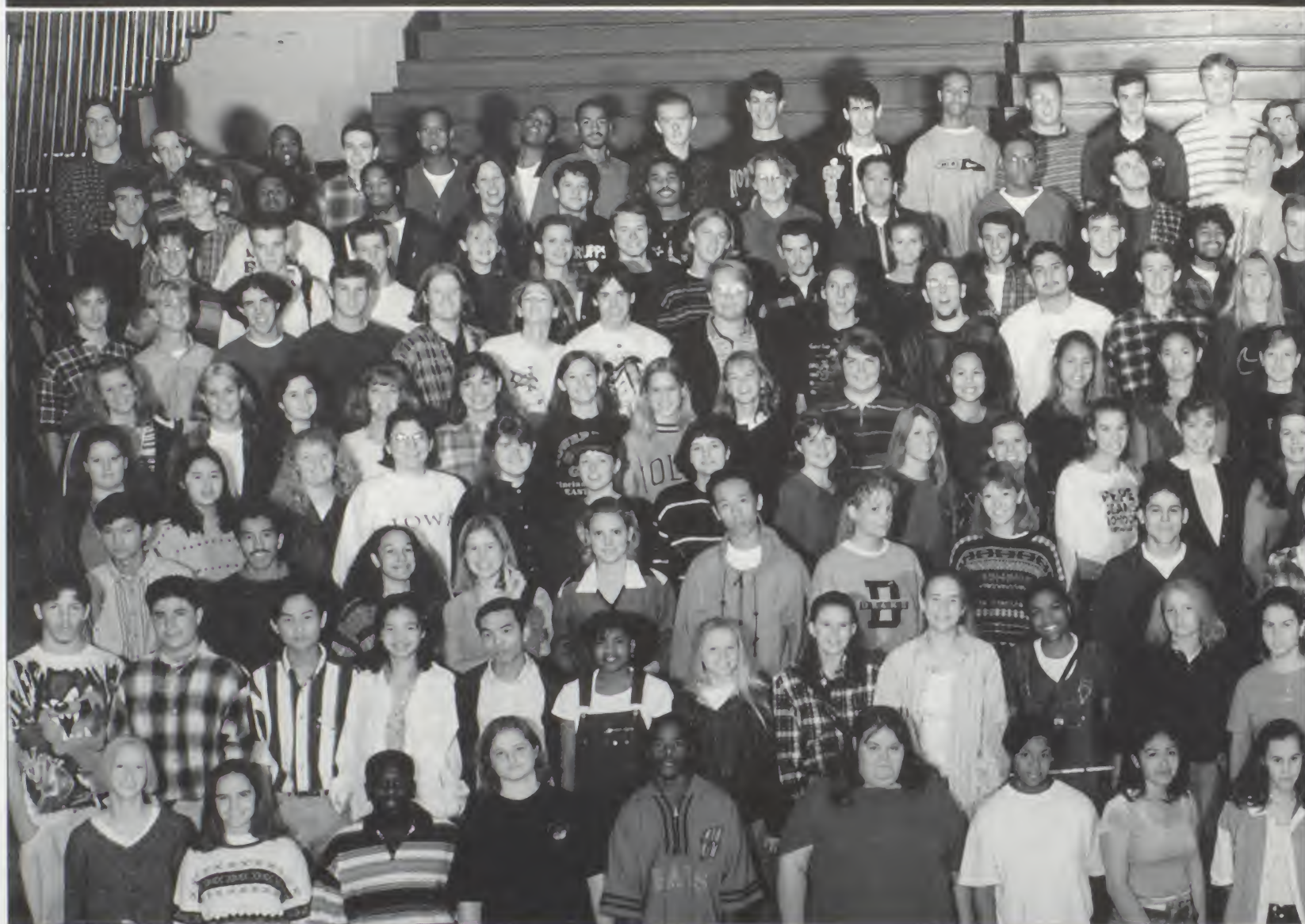


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Class



*"I cannot change yesterday,
today and look with*

of 1997



*I can only make the most of
hope toward tomorrow."*

SENIOR CLASS PICTURE
BY ANDREA KUECK

Speakin' with Pride



photo by Steve Whitney

Playin' it safe— Senior April Taylor and speech teacher Kirk Johnson work on fixing a problem area in Taylor's graduation speech.

The following is April Taylor's original commencement speech.

Good Evening,


Throughout our lives, one of our biggest challenges is coming into new and different environments as strangers and working our way into fair standings. From the day we were born until the day we die, life is a series of transitions. From elementary school to middle school, from adolescents to adults. Tonight, graduates, we say goodbye to the one place that has brought us all together. From this day forward Hoover High School will be a part of our past. This day has been long awaited by all of us; tonight we are finally moving on from high school to college and careers.

High school has prepared us for what lies ahead. We have learned the skills and what it takes to become a success out in the real world. These four years have become important in preparing us as well as forming new friendships and lasting memories. For all of us it has been four long years, but, now our hard work has finally paid off.

We have learned and completed so much from the last four years. Tonight fellow graduates, the ones who care are here sharing this special moment with you. They include your parents, teachers, friends, and relatives. They have come tonight to see us take that leap forward as we move on to bigger and better opportunities. As we take that leap towards our uncertain future, remember our many wonderful high school accomplishments, and smile with anticipation of the great things yet to come. For we cannot change yesterday, we can only make the most of today, and look with hope toward tomorrow.

Congratulations to all and the best of luck to everyone in the graduating class of 1997.





Talkin' it through—Senior Steve Whitney goes through his commencement speech at a routine practice with Hoover speech coach Kirk Johnson.

Stirrin' up Emotions

The following is Steve Whitney's commencement speech in its original form.

Here we are, commencement of the Hoover High School class of 1997. What a long uphill road it has been for me, and I'm sure for all of you as well. I am incredibly honored to be able to stand here today and represent my outstanding peers. After some intense thought, I decided success is the most appropriate topic for this milestone event. I know... probably not the most original idea, but certainly an applicable one.

Since our motto, "I cannot change yesterday, I can only make the most of today and look with hope towards tomorrow," emphasizes on three different time frames, I decided to look back on some of my previous years at Hoover.

I want everyone to think back to freshman year, the friends you had, the activities you were in, and the foods you ate (okay, the food part is optional—just wanted to see if you were still listening). Those were great times. We basically had no direction, but numerous ways to get there. Starting off on the right foot is always a good beginning, but maybe a bit too obvious for some of us. Like me. I down right despised school my freshman year. I was rarely even at school; in fact, I was more wrapped up in the guests of the syndicated talk shows than my own education. It just made me feel better to hear about other people's problems than to face my own. My head was in the clouds.

By the conclusion of my sophomore year I felt totally engulfed by those clouds; hidden in a world that was passing me by. I was, putting it in politically correct terms, success impaired. My junior year I decided to try the "starting off on the right foot approach." I worked two jobs after school, made up for those classes I never went to, and got involved in my community.

What I've learned, and what I think all of us have learned since that first day of high school way back in 1993, is that the bad things are easier to believe, but we can't let those things drag us through the mud. The reason I used myself as an example is because I know that there are at least 200 "me's" sitting here today. Now, I know that there are a bazillion ancient poems, stories, and other anecdotes that I should insert at this point, but I once read a poem written by a dying 80-year-old man who, because of what life had made of him, wished he had it to do over again. I decided it was something I wanted to share with all of you here today. The poem is called "I Wouldn't Try to be So Perfect."

If I had my life to live over again
I'd try to make more mistakes next time.
I wouldn't try to be so perfect.
We all have perfection fetishes.
What difference does it make if you let people know
you are imperfect? They can identify with you then.
Nobody can identify with perfection.

I would relax more. I'd be sillier than I've been on this trip.
In fact, I know very few things that I would take so seriously.
I'd be crazier. I'd be less hygienic. I'd take more chances.
I'd climb more mountains. I'd watch more sunsets.
I'd go more places I've never seen.
I'd eat more ice cream and fewer beans.
I'd have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do all over again,
I'd have more of those moments.

In fact, I'd try to have nothing but beautiful moments;
moment by moment by moment.

In case you didn't know it,
that's the stuff life is made of—only moments.
Don't miss the now.
I've been one of those people who never went anywhere
without a thermometer,
a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, and a parachute.
If I had it to do all over again,
I'd travel lighter next time.

If I had it to do all over again,
I'd start barefoot earlier in the spring,
and stay that way until later in the fall.
I'd ride more merry-go-rounds.
I'd watch more sunrises, and I'd play with more children.
If I had it to do all over again...

The message in this poem is that the success we seek depends on the kind of life we live. The diploma you will receive today is a mere stepping stone into the society that we are about to encounter. If we wish to succeed, and statistics show that a certain percentage of us do, we are going to have to travel lightly, cherish the beautiful moments, and live our lives like we don't have them to do over again. Okay, so we may not be able to change the past, but we can make the most of today, and achieve success in the future.

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Sayin' Good-bye

The following is Colleen Bergman's Senior Awards Night speech.



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Workin' with a pro— Bergman works on cleaning up her speech for the big night.

Good afternoon ladies, gentlemen, faculty, and fellow graduates. We are here today awaiting the moment in which all of our yesterdays depend on what will make our tomorrows better.

Our days here at Hoover have come to an end, but the memories will live on in our hearts and in the halls.

Our class motto says, I can not change yesterday. I can only make the

most of today and look with hope toward tomorrow. This motto is true in so many ways.

During these past four years so many different things have happened to us individually and as a class. Although we can not change the past, we can use these experiences to make the future brighter for generations to come.

The future is ours for the taking. We should grasp it and take whatever most fulfills our dreams and desires.

Some of us will move on to become doctors, lawyers, biotechnicians, or whatever makes us most happy. But, whatever we end up doing, the most important thing is that we made it. Soon we will be off to the Knapp Center, ready to graduate and that fact alone should make us proud!

My freshman year after my first cross country season I wrote a poem that I thought reflected that season of cross country. Looking back, four years later, I realized that the poem not only reflected that season, but also these past four years here at Hoover. In conclusion, I'd like to share it with you now.

The Mighty Husky

We are the strong, the smart the swift.

Ready to face the challenges to which this day has brought.
We stay close together. We fight to hold on to our memories.
For not long ago we were the best. Glowing in all our glory.
Although we aren't the same. We'll try to make our leaders proud.

Living for them, wanting to fill their needs.

To make them smile, to make them pleased.

Our best is never good enough, and so we will try to be better.

Our pack is not the largest, we look only to each other.

For a few short years we are family. We will endure all.

Competing with one another, but winning all together.

We go only by the name in which we so proudly bear.

We are the mighty Husky and to all beware.



Standin' proud— Senior Colleen Bergman practices her speech at the podium in Kirk Johnson's room.

You never

"If I could do it over again I would have studied more the last part of my senior year."

—Kathi Buckley

really leave

"Although I'm leaving Hoover High School, its memories and spirit will never leave me."

—Missy Priest

who you

"My senior year was filled with many memories that will help to make it pleasant to look back on."

—Jenell Shadoan

are

"The person I've become in high school, I will be for the rest of my life."

—Jeff Hopp



Gettin' close— Seniors Katie Bierma and Chance Hulten cuddle up while under hypnosis at Post Prom.

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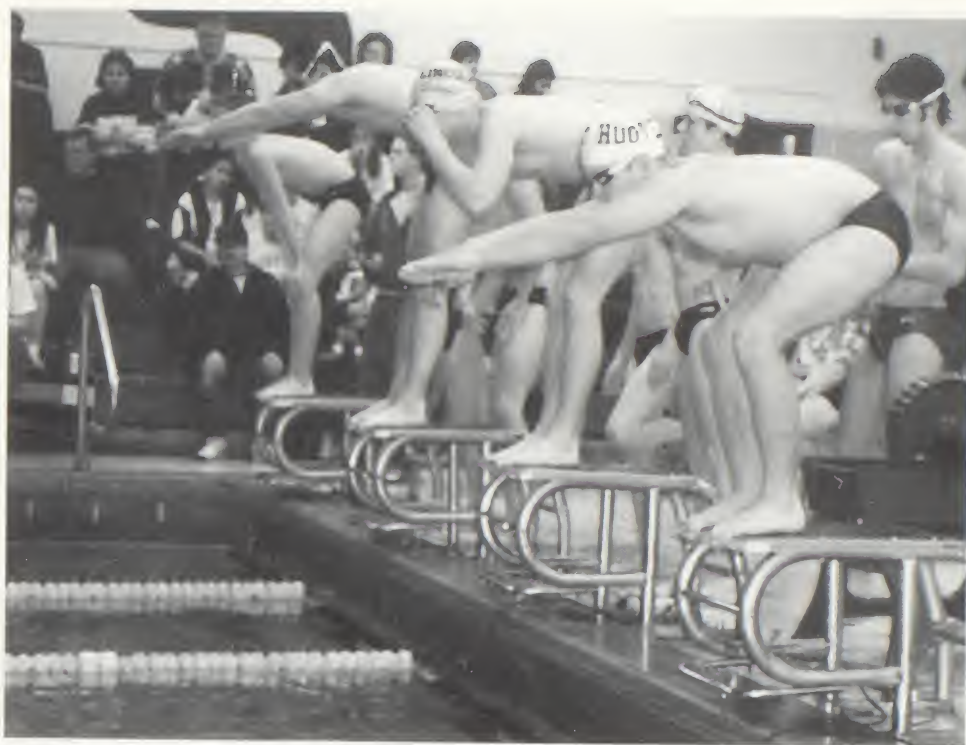
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Steven Thomas Jones,
born January 21, 1981,
died of leukemia March
16, 1997 at age sixteen,
in Des Moines, Iowa.

Steve Jones had
been a student at Hoover
since the fall of 1995. Be-
fore his diagnosis of cancer
in eighth grade, he partici-
pated in basketball and
track. He was also an active
member of the gifted and
talented program. Accord-
ing to his classmates and
teachers Jones remained
optimistic about his dis-
ease.

"Steve was a really
hard worker; even when he
would miss a week or two
for chemotherapy, he would
keep up with his work and he
had a great attitude," science
teacher Don Perschau said.

Steven's father
said he wanted everyone to
know that Steven really
missed his time away from
school. He also said that
Steven was preparing to



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present all the schools he
attended with certificates
that he made.

The Service and
Environmental Committee
was collecting pop cans to
raise money to help pay for
Steven's medical costs.

Before his death
Steven said, "Thanks to all
my fellow students and
peers for their love, prayers
and support."

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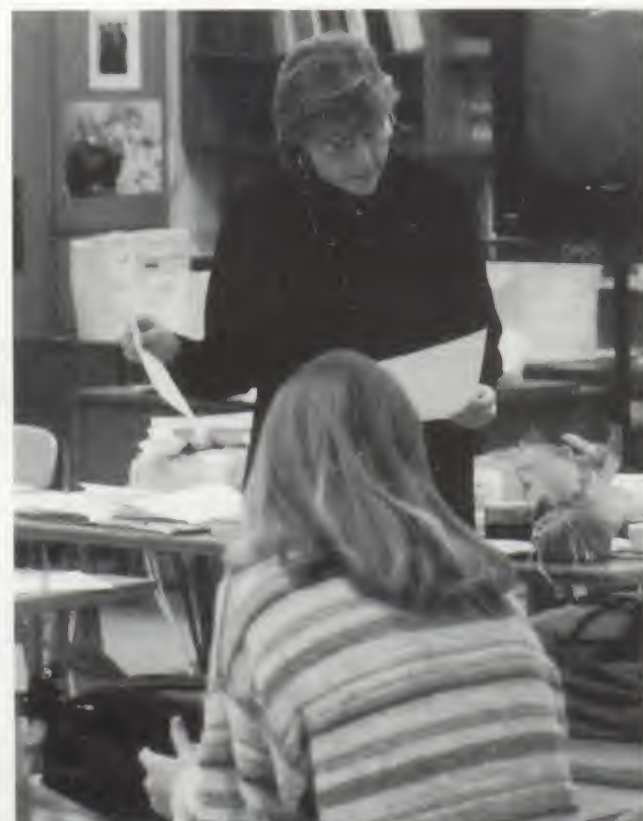
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child you were
and a young
woman you are. We're very proud
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Mike Amos

Congratulations Mike,

You have reached another milestone in your life. We look forward to seeing you reach many more.

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Simon Estes visits Hoover

On Thursday, May 1, 1997, Iowa native and famous Opera singer Simon Estes visited Hoover, just a speck on the map compared to the places he's been. His sister, Erdyne Whiteside, a behavior disorder associate at Hoover, invited him to talk about his career and what it was like growing up in Iowa.

At the beginning of the assembly Estes appeared in the Hoover choir and sang along. Estes then talked about growing up in his hometown of Centerville, Iowa. He also spoke of some of the experi-

ences he had with segregation when he was a child.

When Estes was through speaking, the student body cheered him on to sing a song and junior Jason Danielson joined him on the stage as the accompanist. He chose the song "Climb Every Mountain", to which he received a standing ovation.

Whiteside said Estes was very impressed with the attentive students. She added that she was proud to have a brother who



photo by Erdyne Whiteside

has achieved such success.

Estes has opened a school in South Africa named after him. He is currently living in Zurich, Switzerland, and has planned a 14 community tour throughout Iowa this fall.

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Chance Hulten

Your ready smile and crazy antics have brought fun and laughter to all

our lives! Always keep the magic of your humor!

Lotsa love and many congrats!
 Dad, Mom, Brian, Adam, and Molly

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Lisa Bentley

'You'll always be our beautiful little girl!'

Remember:

Always believe in yourself and your abilities.

Love, Mom and Dad

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Working proof — Junior Anne Lawrie works on one of the numerous proofs delivered by Herff Jones, the 1996-97 yearbook company.

Putting **it** together

This year's yearbook has been one huge learning experience for both me and Nga. This was my first year taking on the responsibility of not only the school newspaper, but the yearbook as well. I've learned so much from my fellow classmates and from adviser Laura Ahrendt that I don't think that I can possibly fit it into this small amount of space.

First, I would like to thank my partner in crime, Nga Lam. Nga, you have been such a great help this year. Whenever there was a problem I always felt confident that you would be able to assist me in the solution. I don't think I could have shared this position with a better person.

Next, there's Ms. Ahrendt. I could make a list that would wrap around the Northwest stadium of all the great things that Ms. Ahrendt has done for me and this class as well. The most important on my list would be the respect that I have received, along with a million other things. I can't imagine being involved in the journalism industry under someone else's direction. I thank you for that, and for all of the time you devote to helping your students succeed.

Last, but certainly not least, the Husky staff. What a great year we had this year. This staff was such a blessing. Though not without flaw, I was definitely impressed by the amount of work that every person put forth into making this yearbook what it is. Thank you everyone.

Steve Whitney
Co-Editor-in-Chief



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Teaching the class — Joan Mickle teaches the students who joined the yearbook class during second semester as part of the special education program.

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THANKS/COLOPHON
BY STEVE WHITNEY

Don't Quit

*When things go
wrong
as they sometimes
will,*

*When the
road you're trudging
seems all uphill,*

*When the funds are
low and the debts are
high, and you want to
smile but you have to
sigh, when care is
pressing you down a
bit, rest if you must
but don't quit.*

*Life is queer with its
twists and turns, as
everyone of us some-
times learns, and
many a failure turns
about, when you
might have won had
you stuck it out. Don't
give up, though the
pace seems slow— you
may succeed with
another blow. Success
is failure turned inside
out— the silver tint of
the clouds of doubt.*

*And you never can tell
how close you are; It
may be near when it
seems so far. So stick
to the fight with your
hardest hit— It's when
things seem worst that
you must not quit.*

— Anonymous



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